



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

Romans 16:1-16

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“In Praise Of ‘Little People’”

- Named people: 27
- References to churches: 4
- References to 9 women.
- References to others: households (10, 11), Rufus' mother (13); others...“the brethren,” (14); all the saints (15)

SPECIAL PEOPLE: PHOEBE (1-2)

- “I commend her to you...” Συνίστημι, meaning “I stand with her...”
- “our sister” (ἀδελφή) a believer and sister in the Lord. But a sister not only to Paul, but also to the Romans!
- “servant (διάκονος) of the church which is in Cenchrea.” Διάκονος has created some controversy. She was evidently appointed by Paul and the church to take this letter to Rome.

SPECIAL PEOPLE: PHOEBE (1-2)

- “receive (προσδέχομαι) her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints” “worthy” is used in Eph. 4:1; Phil 1:27; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12.
This is a seriously high standard! She is one of the saints...treat her like one!
- “Help her in whatever matter she may have need of you.”
- “For she herself has also been a helper (προστάτις) of many...”
- “And of myself, as well.”

SPECIAL PEOPLE: PRISCILLA AND AQUILA (3-5)

- “Prisca...”
- Greet...(17x in 1-16)
- my fellow-workers (συνεργός) in the Lord”
- “who for my life risked their own necks”
- “to whom not only do I give thanks but also all the churches of the Gentiles”
- “also greet the church that is in their house.”

SPECIAL PEOPLE: Fellow-Workers (συνεργός)

- “Prisca and Aquila,” 3
- “Urbanus,” 9

SPECIAL PEOPLE: Workers

- Mary, 6.
- Tryphaena and Tryphosa, 12.
- Persis, 12

SPECIAL PEOPLE: “Beloved ones” (ἀγαπητός)

- “Epaenetus,” 5
- “Ampliatius,” 8
- “Stachys,” 9
- “Persis,” 12

SPECIAL PEOPLE: Others...

- Prisca and Aquila: host a house church, 5
- Andronicus and Junias: fellow prisoners
- Andronicus and Junias: “outstanding among the apostles.”
- Rufus: “choice man in the Lord”
- Rufus...”also his mother and mine”

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“LITTLE PEOPLE”!!!

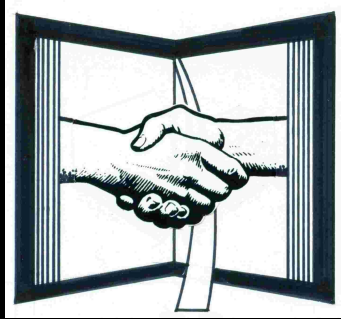
WE ARE ALL...

- SAINTS
- BELOVED
- BROTHERS AND SISTERS
- CO-WORKERS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THE LORD!!!

RECEIVE ONE ANOTHER IN A MANNER
WORTHY OF THE SAINTS
GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A HOLY KISS
(WITH WARM AFFECTION!)

TAKE-AWAYS...

- All work for the Lord is important!
- It will ultimately be rewarded by the Lord, Hebrews 6:10; Matthew 10:42.
- All God's children are important and should be treated as brothers and sisters and saints! There are no "little people!"
- Express your appreciation and affection, generously.



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