**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

Romans 16:1-27

Key Verse 16:16

*“Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.”*

**\*Introduction[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. Who was Phoebe? (1) What did Paul request on her behalf and why? (2) Whom did Paul greet first? (3, Ac 18:2,18,19,26 ) How did Paul describe their sacrificial lives and their influence? (4-5a)
2. Name some of the women Paul greeted and what he said about them? (6, 12) Who were the dear friends Paul greeted? (5b,8-9,12b) Fellow Jewish believers? (7, 11) Who else did Paul greet? (9,10, 11b, 13, 14-15)
3. What do Paul’s greetings tell us about his heart towards these men and women in Rome? What did Paul encourage the Roman believers to do? (16[[2]](#footnote-2)) Why is it important to warmly greet one another?
4. What warning does Paul give? (17) Who is working through those who cause division? (20) Why should the Roman believers keep away from these men? (18-19) What assurance does Paul give? (20) How does the grace of Jesus enable us to remain united?
5. Who were Paul’s fellow workers and how did they greet the church at Rome? (21-24) Finally, how does Paul conclude his letter? (25-27)

1. Today’s passage is Paul’s personal greetings to the Roman believers. Paul’s greetings are very personal and specific, and addressed to many different people. In total Paul mentioned 27 men and women by name. He knew them personally and shared Jesus’ affection for them. He wanted the Roman believers to do likewise and remain united as one. So he told them: “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” May God soften our hearts through Paul’s final greeting so we too can share Jesus’ affection for one another. Then we can and will remain united as one and so maintain a good spiritual environment for God to dwell among us. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **A holy kiss** was a sign of familial affection. Some scholars say that in the early church this “holy kiss” was part of the worship service. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)