

Message Notes

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The Greatest Letter Ever Written #44

“The Iron Pigs of Rome”

Romans 16:1-16

Introduction:

THE TEAM:

- “Greet also the church that meets at their house.” (16:5)
- “Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.” (16:10b)
- “Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.” (16:11)
- “Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them.” (16:14)
- “Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them.” (16:15)
- “To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints.” (1:7)

POINT #1 – Roman Church not one unified church but a group of _____.

POINT #2 – Roman Church was not lead by one _____ or _____ or _____.

“Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (16:16) - “Prairie Dog Greeting”

THE COACH:

Paul CARED enough about the Romans to remember their names!

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION:

THE LINEUP:

NOTICE: 24 names mentioned, at least 7 are _____.

- “I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me.” (16:1-2)
- “Phoebe carried under the folds of her robe the whole future of Christian theology.” -Renan
- “Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. (16:3-4)
- “Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.” (16:6)
- “Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.” (16:7)
- “Greet Apelles, tested and approved in Christ.” (16:10)
- “Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord.” (16:12a)
- “Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.” (16:12b)
- “Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.” (16:13)
- “A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.” Mark 15:21

THINK ABOUT IT: 24 names, and only _____ are commended for specific outstanding service! The only thing noticeable about some Christians is that they are born again!

- “Greet ...the household of Narcisus who are in the Lord.” (16:11b)
- “Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, women who work hard in the Lord.” (16:12)
- “Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.” (16:12b)

REMEMBER: These eternal distinctions are recorded in scripture and will be acknowledged someday by Jesus Christ. But _____ eternal distinctions are recorded in scripture!!

CLOSING: William Gladstone

