

Sermon Outline

Romans Series, Part 12: Greetings, Warnings and Blessings (16:1-27)

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Main Idea: In our final sermon on Romans, Robin helps us to understand the focus and implication of Paul's ending to his letter.

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1. Greetings (v1-16)
2. Warnings (v17-20)
3. Praises (v21-27)

Key Text/Quotes:

"About two hours had passed...I cannot tell you how I was struck, in thus reading the Epistle as a whole, with the seal of divinity, of truth, of holiness, of love, and of power, which is impressed on every page, on every word. We felt, my young friend and I, that we were listening to a voice from heaven." A. Monad (reflecting on reading the entirety of Paul's letter to the Roman's as he lay dying of cancer)

"God can use greeting to change lives." Robin (regarding Romans 15:6-7 and how a simple greeting by a Christian woman God used to bring him to faith)

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Romans 16:1-27 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss the intent of Paul's closing greeting (26x) to so many Christians. Notice that the list is extremely diverse (Jew, Greek, male, female, wealthy, poor, slave free). What are the implications for us as a church?
3. In Romans, chapter 12, we heard Paul's appeal to live our lives as "living sacrifices" to God. Here in 16:17, we hear of another equally strong appeal: "watch out for those who cause divisions..." Discuss the nature of false teaching and those who espouse it. Jesus said "you will recognize them by their fruits..." (Matt 7:15-16) How are we to recognize them and what does Paul say we should do regarding them?
4. Paul ends his letter with several statements that echo or repeat things he said in his opening (emphasis on the gospel, its origin in the Old Testament, its for all nations, it is to bring about the obedience of faith, etc.). What is the likely reason for him doing that?
5. In quoting and referencing Adolphe Monad (see portion of quote above), what was Robin's main encouragement and hope for us as a church regarding the importance and power of God's Word in our lives?
6. Close in prayer.

