

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Occasion : Sunday Evening Service
Date : July 1, 2018

TITLE : Blessings to Paul
Text/s :

Rom 16:1-24

- 16 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:
- 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.
- 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
- 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
- 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.
- 6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.
- 7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.
- 8 Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.
- 9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.
- 10 Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.
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- 13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.
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- 15 Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.
- 16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.
- 17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.
- 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.
- 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.
- 20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
- 21 Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.
- 22 I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.
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Bible Reading :

Rom 1:8-12

- 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
- 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
- 10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.
- 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;
- 12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

INTRODUCTION

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- 24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
- 25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
- 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
- 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

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Background of the Paul's Epistle to the Romans:

The time was 56-60AD. Halley's puts this about winter of 57-58AD towards the close of Paul's 3rd Missionary journey before his last trip to Jerusalem. He was to depart for Jerusalem with the offering he had raised from the churches for the poor saints in Jerusalem

Rom 15:22-27

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whosoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

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He had spent 3 months in Corinth (Acts 20:3) and since Pheobe, who was a faithful member and worker in Cenchrea, a suburb of Corinth, was sailing for Rome, he intended for her to bring the letter to them.

It was not Paul who started the church or churches in Rome. In fact, he reached Rome 3 years after this letter was written. The nucleus of the church in Rome might have been the Romans who were at Jerusalem during the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:10). But he was planning to see them and so this letter was sent to prepare them for his coming. He was anxious to minister to them as they were already widely known (1:8) so he wrote the epistle to prepare the way for his visit (15:14-17). He planned that from Rome, after he had delivered the offerings, he would continue on to Rome and Spain (15:24). But these plans were changed by his arrest in Jerusalem

He was martyred about 8 years after this epistle was written.

Paul mentions many persons by name (ch 16:1-23), some of whom he had already met before they moved to Rome, like Priscilla and Aquila. Some of them were his own converts and intimate friends.

Phoebe is the first of 35 personal names mentioned in this last chapter, most of whom are mentioned nowhere else in the Scriptures. The reason that so much apparently personal information was included in the Scriptures by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is probably to illustrate the Spirit's concern with individuals and how that through their lives, they have been a blessing.

- Phoebe - was the bearer of the Epistle, probably on a business errand to Rome. She comes from Cenchrea, an east port of Corinth.
- Priscilla and Aquila (v3-5) - had formerly lived in Rome (Acts 18:2) had been with Paul in Corinth and Ephesus, and had now returned to Rome. A church was in their house.
- Epaphroditus (v5) - first convert of Asia, now in Rome.
- Mary (v) - among the women.
- Andronicus, Junias (v7) - Paul's kinsmen, now old men, for they had been Christians longer than Paul and in prison with him.
- Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys, Apelles (v8-10) - Paul's friends. Apelle had apparently gone successfully through a test.
- Household of Aristobulus (v10) and of Narcissus (v11) - probably churches in their homes.
- Herodian - another of Paul's kinsmen.
- Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis (v12) - names of women
- Rufus (v13) - probably the son of Simon who bore Jesus' cross (Mark 15:21).

Mark 15:21

21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

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- Asyncritus (v14) - and brethren with them, their congregation.
- Philologus (v15) - and the saints with them, their congregation.
- Tertius (v22) - wrote what Paul dictated, his secretary.
- Gaius (v23) - in whose home Paul was living at the time, and which was a general meeting place for Corinthian Christians,

- Erastus (v23) - must have been a man of considerable influence being treasurer of the city of Corinth. His name has been found on a pavement that he donated to Corinth. He was the Treasurer, chamberlain, of the City.