

ROMANS—Part 90

Romans 16:1-16

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1. Names matter to God (John 10:3). Every name is an individual; every individual is a soul that matters to God.
2. 16:1 Scholars are fairly certain that Phoebe delivered this letter in person to the church at Rome.
3. 16:1 Paul was telling the believers in Rome, “Families take care of their own. She is your own. Take care of her. She is your sister” (Ephesians 2:19).
4. 16:2 Christ-followers are to receive and love others in an unconditional way that is distinct from the world. In so doing, it is a reflection of Jesus (Matthew 25:35-40).
5. 16:4 Wherever Priscilla and Aquila traveled, they cared for people open-handedly and without prejudice.
6. 16:3-5 Priscilla and Aquila turned their lives into their ministry. Whether making tents or planning for people in their home, the main context for what they did was Jesus. Their work was for Him and in Him.
7. 16:10 It is quite possible that this group of believers (household of Aristobulus) is part of the imperial household.
8. 16:13 Scholars agree that the Rufus mentioned here is the son of Simon of Cyrene, who carried Jesus’ cross on the way to His Crucifixion (Mark 15:21).
9. We need each other. And as we serve well and love well within community, it has an ‘evangelistic’ effect...we become fragrant to our social circle and to the world (John 13:35).
10. To strengthen the church and to have an impact on the world, that love must be genuine and pure.
11. 16:16 Because many new believers were outcasts by their biological families, the kinship of Christians became dear, manifested by what came to be called a holy kiss (Romans 12:10-13)

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"I have discovered that the servants whom God has used the most were people who could make friends. They multiplied themselves in the lives of their friends and associates in the ministry. While there may be a place for the secluded saint who lives alone with God, it is my conviction that most of us need each other. We are sheep, and sheep flock together." ~Dr. Warren