

"THE CHURCH OF ROME: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL"

ROMANS 16:1-16

I. NOTEWORTHY OBSERVATIONS REGARDING CHRISTIAN SALUTATIONS

A. Defining These Greetings

1. Words Of Acknowledgment That Embrace Other Believers
2. Words That Pay Respect To Others Through The Manner Of Address

B. Reasons for These Greetings

1. Indications Of The Note That Christians Ought To Take Of One Another
2. Expressions Of The Unique Relationships That Exist In The Church
3. Illustrations Of The Testimonials That God Will Give To His People At The End

II. NOTEWORTHY OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE PORTFOLIO OF THE CHURCH OF ROME (16:1-16)

A. General Observations (16:6-15)

1. The Relations People Have To Christ Are Noted
2. The Labors People Expended For Christ Are Noted
3. The Sufferings People Endured For Christ Are Noted
4. The Unusually Affectionate Relations That Some Had With Others Are Noted

B. Specific Observations (16:1-5)

1. People Who had Been Led To The Lord (16:5)
2. People Worthy Of Thanks (16:3-4)
3. People You Would Recommend (16:1-2)

THE CAST OF CHARACTERS ROMAN 16

There were nine persons with Paul in Corinth who are mentioned by name when he wrote Romans (eight men and one woman). Twenty Four persons at Rome were greeted (seventeen men and seven women). There are also two households in Rome that are mentioned, that of Aristobulus and that of Narcissus. There are some unnamed brethren mentioned in (16:14) and two unnamed women, the “mother” of Rufus (16:13) and the “sister” of Nereus (16:15).

WITH PAUL

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Timothy	Phebe
Lucius	
Jason	
Sosipater	
Tertius	
Gaius	
Erastus	
Quartus	

AT ROME

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Aquila	Priscila
Epaenetus	Mary
Andronicus	Junia
Amplias	Tryphena
Urbane	Tryphosa
Stachys	Persis
Apelles	Julia
Herodion	
Rufus	
Asyncritus	
Phlegon	
Hermas	
Patrobas	
Hermes	
Philologus	
Nereus	
Olympas	