

Women in the Word

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Romans 16

Snapshots of a Church

Phoebe

Our sister

A servant of the church

Two households

Household of Aristobulus

Household of Narcissus

Priscilla and Aquila

Fellow workers in Christ

Risked their necks

A church meets in their home

Three women

Tryphena

Tryphosa

Persis

Beloved in the Lord

Epaenetus

Amplias

Stachys

Mary

Rufus and his mother

Chosen in the Lord

Two kinsmen and prisoners

Juntas

Andronicus

A large group

A group shot

Urbanus

Apelles

Herodian

Snapshots of a church

Take-aways from the Roman church:

1. The church is made up of ordinary, diverse people who are “in the Lord.”
2. The church is made up of ordinary people growing to know the Lord through sound doctrine.
3. The church is made up of diverse people who are deepening their relationships with one another in the Lord.
4. The church is made up of people who are a family and who are hospitable and helpful toward one another.
5. The church is made up of people who work hard together for the Lord.

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WARNINGS!

Be wise to what is good.

Be simple concerning evil.

Greetings from Corinth

Timothy
Tertius
Gaius
Erastus

A Doxology

The mystery revealed

Encourage one another

A helpful resource

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans-1-4/>

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans-5-16/>

Paul comes full circle:

Romans 1	Romans 16
"the gospel of God"—v.1	"my gospel"—v. 25
"not ashamed of the gospel"—v. 16	
"concerning His Son, Jesus Christ"—v.3	"the preaching of Jesus Christ"—v.25
"to the end you may be established"—v.11	"to stablish (establish) you"—v. 25
"among all nations"—v.5	"made known to all nations"—v.26
"for the obedience of faith"—v.5	"for obedience to the faith"—v.26
"which He had promised beforehand by His prophets in the holy scriptures"—v.2	"the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets"—v.25-26

Some questions to ponder:

1. How would Paul have described you if you were on this list? How would you like to be described?
2. If Paul wrote a letter to the Highland Park Baptist Church, what would he say? How would he commend or correct us?
3. In what ways can we apply the concept of being “wise about what is good and innocent about what is evil” in our daily lives?
4. What steps can you take to protect your Christian community from divisive influences?
5. How can someone offer constructive suggestions to the church without being considered divisive?