



ROMANS



Service Guide

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Call to Worship *Romans 16:17-23*

Song: *Let Your Kingdom Come*

Song: *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

Missionary Testimony *Romans 16:25-27*

Song: *Behold Our God*

Song: *Only a Holy God*

Congregational Prayer

SERMON: *“To Him Be The Glory Forever!” Romans 16:17-27*

Communion

Song: *The Doxology*

Blessing & Sending

Sermon Text Next Week: *New three week mini-series —
“Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount”*

William Tyndale on Paul’s Letter to the Romans —

“Forasmuch as this epistle is the principal and most excellent part of the New Testament, and most pure [Good News] ... and also a light and a way unto the whole scripture, I think it meet that every Christian man not only know it by rote but also exercise himself therein evermore continually as with the daily bread of the soul. *(continued on next column)*”

No man verily can read it too oft or study it too well:

for the *more* it is studied the *easier* it is,
the *more* it is searched the *more* precious things are found in it,
so great treasure of spiritual things lieth hid therein.”

SERMON TEXT *Romans 16:17-27*

WARNING AGAINST DIVISIVE PEOPLE

17 Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who create divisions and obstacles contrary to the teaching that you learned. Avoid them, 18 because such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites. They deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting with smooth talk and flattering words.

PAUL’S GRACIOUS CONCLUSION

19 The report of your obedience has reached everyone. Therefore I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise about what is good, and yet innocent about what is evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
21 Timothy, my coworker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my fellow countrymen, greet you.
22 I, Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.
23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus greet you.

GLORY TO GOD

25 Now to him —

who is **able** to **strengthen** you

according to my gospel
and the proclamation about Jesus the Messiah,

according to the revelation of the mystery kept silent for
long ages

26 but now revealed and made known through the
prophetic Scriptures,

according to the command of the eternal God to advance
the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles

— 27 to the only wise God,
through Jesus Christ

— **to him** be the **glory** forever! *Amen.*

NOTES

Outline of Romans 16:

the power of the Good News to generate unity, (vv 1-16)
a warning about a danger to that reality, (vv 17-20)
the joy found in a bigger vision of the church, (vv 21-23)
and a clear view of the one, true God who is able. (vv 25-27)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For discussion at home, on your own, with your family, or in your community group...

- 1) Why does Paul need to add the warning of 16:17-20? What is going wrong and how are they to guard against it?
- 2) In what ways can we pretend to be keen Christians but actually be serving ourselves? How does it cause division in the church when we do this? (16:17-20)
- 3) Do you think Paul would issue the same warnings today? Why, or why not?
- 4) What encouragement does Paul give them in 16:20? How does Genesis 3:15 help us understand this? Who does the “crushing” and under whose feet? Can you explain this?
- 5) Enjoying peace and crushing the satan do not sound altogether compatible with each other — why, though, is it important to hold them together?
- 6) How are the greetings from eight co-workers of Paul at the church in Corinth an encouragement to the disciples in Rome, and in Salida? (Rom 16:21-23)
- 7) How do the people Paul greets (16:1-16), and Paul’s fellow workers (16:21-23), challenge and encourage us to Christian zeal?
- 8) What is God able to do and how does he do it? Spend time elaborating on the extent of this by looking at the three “according to” clauses in the passage. (Rom 16:25-27)
- 9) Why does all the glory go to “the only wise God” and Jesus at the end of the letter? (Rom 16:27)
- 10) How has going through the letter of Romans moved you to more deeply give all the glory to God?