

REVIEW: We are going to save our review for later when we discuss the Romans At-a-Glance Chart

DAY ONE

Q2. From the requests to greet various people, what insight do you gain about Paul

The capital city of Rome was a magnet that drew people from all over the empire. In addition Paul's travels to many of the major population centers—Jerusalem, Syrian Antioch, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus—brought him into contact with the mobile segment of Roman society. These factors help explain the presence of Paul's many friends in Rome, but **his knowledge of their whereabouts remains a tribute to his deep concern for people.**²

1-2 **Phoebe** – servant of the church; has been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

3-4 **Prisca and Aquila** (Acts 18:2ff) - fellow workers in Christ Jesus, for my life risked their necks;

5 **Epaenetus** – my ⁺beloved, first convert to Christ from Asia

6 **Mary** – has worked hard for you

7 **Andronicus & Junias** – my *kinsmen & fellow prisoners, outstanding, in Christ before me

8 **Ampliatius** - my beloved in Christ

9 **Urbanus** - our fellow worker in Christ...Stachys my ⁺beloved

10 **Apelles** – the approved in Christ; (approved through testing) those of the household of Aristobulus

11 **Herodion** – *kinsman; the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord (division in the household?)

12 **Tryphaena & Tryphosa** (sisters?) – workers in the Lord

Persis – the ⁺beloved, has worked hard in the Lord

13 **Rufus** – a choice man in the Lord, his mother and mine.

The greeting included Rufus' **mother who**, Paul said, had also **been a mother to** him. Paul obviously did not say she was his actual mother, but he had been the recipient of her motherly care.²

14 **Aysbcritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas**, the brethren with them (a house church?)

15 **Philologus & Julia, Nereus & his sister, Olympas**, all the saints with them (a house church?)

⁺Beloved - dear friend

*Kinsman - could mean a Jew or of the tribe of Benjamin, not necessarily of his personal family.

DAY TWO

Q2. What warnings, admonitions and commands does Paul give in this chapter?

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe...2 **receive her** in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and that you **help her** in whatever matter she may have need of you...

17 I urge you...**keep your eye on** (mark, notice carefully) those who cause dissensions and hindrances (occasions for stumbling) contrary to the teaching which you learned and **turn away from them**

18 for such men are slaves

not of our Lord Christ, but of their own appetites and

by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19...I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

Q3. If Paul were writing to LifeSpring Church and sent you a word of greeting, how would he describe you? ...beloved, hard worker, fellow worker in Christ, a choice man (woman) in the Lord

Q4. “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” What does Paul mean by this?

The continuance of this Oriental Christian custom of connecting the salutation and the kiss as an expression of fellowship and of common festivals, is known in the Greek church (Luke 7:45).¹

¹ Lange, J. P., Schaff, P., Fay, F. R., Hurst, J. F., & Riddle, M. B. (2008). *A commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Romans* (p. 448). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

Q5. Romans 16:25-27, Paul pronounces a benediction on the church at Roman.

a. Who establishes you?

God

b. How are you established?

According to gospel, preaching of Jesus Christ

According to the revelation of the mystery...and by the Scriptures of the prophets

According to the commandment of the eternal God

c. What is the result?

Leading to obedience of faith

d. How far has this gospel gone?

Made know to all the nations

e. What is the mystery?

Jews and Gentiles in one body **People of all nations might believe and obey** Christ (Romans 1:5; 15:18; 1 Peter 1:2). Paul's concern for the geographical spread of the gospel is evident here (Matt. 28:19), appropriate in view of his writing to the believers at the empire's capital city.²

DAY THREE

Any new insights from a commentary?

DAY FOUR and FIVE

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Segment Divisions		Chapter Themes
Christian Doctrine	1:1-3:21 None righteous	1:1-17 Greeting / Gospel power of God for salvation
		1:18-32 Wrath of God against ungodly
		2 God's judgment- no partiality / Jew is inward of the heart by the Spirit
	3:22 -5:21 Justified by faith	3 None righteous / justified by faith apart from works
		4 Abraham - example of one reckoned righteous by faith
		5 Peace with God / Grace through Jesus Christ
	Set Free of sin and death by the Spirit	6 Dead to sin / alive to God in Christ Jesus
		7 Released from the law to bear fruit for God
		8 His Spirit dwells in you / set free from law of sin and death
	Israel stumbled over Christ	9 Israel stumbled over Christ / pursued righteousness by works
10 Call on the name of the Lord ...will be saved		
11 God has not rejected Israel / Gentiles grafted in		
Christian Living		12 Present your body a living and holy sacrifice / love without hypocrisy
		13 Be in subjection to governing authorities / love do no wrong to a neighbor
		14 Accept the weak in faith, not judge opinions
		15 Bear weaknesses, please neighbor for his good / Paul's plans
		16 Greet / Warnings

² Witmer, J. A. (1985). [Romans](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 502). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.