Romans 16

1 Now I commend (stand together with in union) to you Phoebe, our sister, being also a minister (servant, deacon) of the church in Cenchrea,

2 That you may receive (welcome, accept) her in the Lord worthily of the saints and you may assist her in whatever pending matter (pragma- habit needed to accomplish what is necessary in a practical, reliable way) she might need of you. For she also has been a patroness (prostatis- female guardian, protector) of many and of myself.

3 Greet (welcome) Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus—

4 Who for my life (psyche) have lain down (risked) their neck, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the ethnicities

5 and in their house church. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is a first-fruit of Achaia unto Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who labored (until exhausted) much for you.

7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen (fellow countrymen/relatives) and my fellow prisoners, who are notable among the apostles, who also became in Christ before me.

8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ and Stachys, my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those from out of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those from out of Narcissus, those being in the Lord.

12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, those laboring (until exhaustion) in the Lord. Greet Persis, the beloved, who labored (until exhaustion) much in the Lord.

13 Greet Rufus, the choice one (chosen by favoritism) in the Lord and his mother and mine.

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julias, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints with them.

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

17 Now I entreat you, brothers, to take heed (regard attentively, beware) of those who cause separate-standings (divisions, dissensions) and entrapments (bait of a trap, causes for error/offense, stumbling-blocks, greek word is close to the word scandal) contrary to the established teaching (summarized body of respected teaching) that you have learned and turn away (fall away from, bow out from and to, fully avoid by deliberate rejection, latin word is declinate, like decline) from them.

18 For such, do not serve (subject to, serve as a slave) our Lord Christ, but rather their own belly (koilia, appetites and base desires); and by smooth talk (ingratiating words, plausible speaking, kind address, suitable words) and flattery (adulation- excessive admiration, obsequious flattery, a blessing in a good context) beguile (wholly deceive/seduce out from, hood-wink) the hearts of the naïve (simple and guileless, not malignant, not malevolent, not harmful rather innocent).

19 For your compliance (submitting to what is heard) has reached unto all. Therefore, I rejoice over you, however, I wish you to be wise (learned, clever, skilled, cultivated) to intrinsic good and unmingled (innocent, pure, unmixed, simple, unsophisticated) to evil (kaka).

20 Now the God of peace will crush (break into pieces by crushing, shatter) Satan under your feet speedily (quickly, hastily, swiftly without unnecessary delay). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

21 Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen greet you.

22 I, Tertius, who has written this letter (epistloten), greet you in the Lord.

23 Gaius, my host and all the church greet you. Erastus, the city manager and the brother Quartus greet you.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

25 Now to Him being powerfully able to fix you firmly (a support that fixes, plants down with standing, set fast/fix) according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation (uncovering) of the mystery (anything hidden), having been kept in silent secrecy in times of ages ago.

26 But now having been made apparent (illuminated, visible, clear, manifest, graspable) also through prophetic Scriptures, according to the fitting arrangement (a command) of the eternal God having been made known to all the ethnicities for compliance (submit to what is heard) of faith—

27 To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory unto the ages (forever). Amen.

Written to the Romans from Corinthus and sent by Phoebe minister of the church in Cenchrea.