

**Paul's Greeting to
the Family in Rome**

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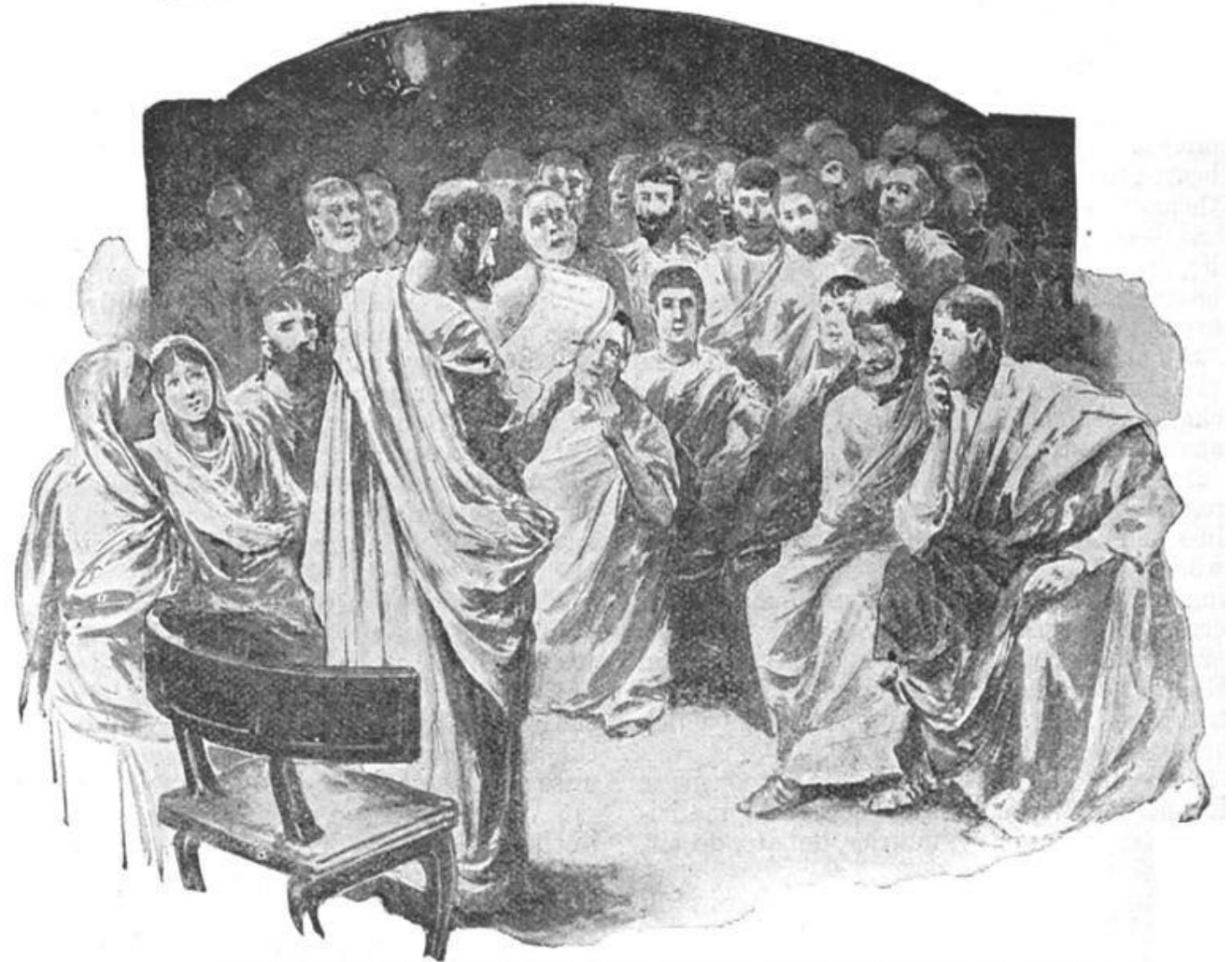
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An Honour List

24 names

17men, 7 women.

*Gentiles and Jews,
slaves & freedmen in the
emperor's household,
house churches.*



READING THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS TO THE EARLY CHRISTIANS AT ROME.—Rom. i.

Phoebe

'the bright one'

*I commend to you our sister Phoebe,
a deacon of the church in Cenchreae.*

*² I ask you to receive her in the Lord in
a way worthy of his people and to give
her any help she may need from you,
for she has been the benefactor
of many people, including me.*

**A Sister, Servant,
Helper**



Priscilla and Aquila

*³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila,
my co-workers in Christ Jesus.*

*⁴ They risked their lives for me.
Not only I but all the churches of
the Gentiles are grateful to them.*

*⁵ Greet also the church that
meets at their house.*

**Fellow Workers
Risk their lives**



Epenetus, Paul's first convert

*Greet my dear friend Epenetus,
who was the first convert to
Christ in the province of Asia.*

*⁶ Greet Mary, who worked
very hard for you.*

**Mary with the
gift of help**



Andronicus & Junia

***7 Greet Andronicus and Junia,
my fellow Jews who have been
in prison with me. They are
outstanding among the apostles,
and they were in Christ before I was.***

Relatives of Paul

Faithful Prison

Companions

Converted before Paul



**Ampliatus, a successful
slave or freeman**

*⁸ Greet Ampliatus,
my dear friend in the Lord.*

**Apelles, tested and
approved by the Lord**

*¹⁰ Greet Apelles, whose fidelity
to Christ has stood the test.*



The Imperial Households

Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.

¹¹ Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew.

Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

Aristobulus, a grandson of King Herod the Great, a close friend of Emperor Claudius.

Narcissus, a personal secretary to Emperor Claudius



Tryphena and Tryphosa

¹² Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord.

***‘dainty and delicate’
hard workers***

Persis, another hard worker

Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.



Rufus and His Mother

***¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord,
and his mother, who has been
a mother to me, too.***

**Son of Simon
the Cyrene**

***His brother Alexander came to
Paul's rescue in Ephesus' riot
(Acts 19:33)***



Two House Churches

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

15 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord's people who are with them.

Philologus, 'a lover of the word'

Nereus, a housekeeper of Flavius Clemens, who later became Consul of Rome



What can we learn from all these warm sincere uplifting greetings?

¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the churches of Christ send greetings.

The church is made up of diversity of ordinary people who know and love God, serving Him and loving one another growing up in Him.





**The gospel is served
by all levels of people
in the society**

**Unity and Diversity
of race, sex, rank**

Galatians 3:28

*“There is neither Jews nor Greek, slave nor free,
male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”.*

They are recognized for three things

- ***They Served***
- ***They Suffered***
- ***They Loved***



Paul was a Team Player!

A Close Bond Between them

- He called them, *our sister Phoebe, Rufus mother is like a mother to me,*
- *Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews, Priscilla and Aquilla, my fellow workers.*



They Do So Together

They Served Together

- **Phoebe**, a deacon, servant, helper of the church
- **Priscilla & Aquila** and their house church
- **Tryphena & Tryphosa** work hard in the Lord
- **Persis and Mary** work hard for the Lord



They Suffered Together

- **Priscilla & Aquila** *risked their life for Paul.*
- **Andronicus & Junia** *accompanied Paul in prison.*
- **Apelles**, *tested and approved by the Lord.*

They Loved One Another

Paul's beloved dear friends

*"Greet my dear friend Epenetus, my first convert in Asia.
Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord.
my dear friend Stachys...my dear friend Persis."*


Compels by the Love of Christ

Charles Spurgeon

“They were like the most of us, commonplace individuals; but they loved the Lord, and therefore as Paul recollected their names, he sent them a message of love which has become embalmed in the Holy Scriptures.

Do not let us think of the distinguished Christians exclusively so as to forget the rank and file of the Lord’s army. Do not let the eye rest exclusively upon the front rank, but let us love all whom Christ loves; let us value all Christ’s servants.”





**Let us live with love
serve and grow
together**

**Jesus came to serve & suffer
because of his love for us**

Matthew 20:28

*“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*