**ROMANS 16, “God Grew The Kingdom Of God When *We*…**

**10/16/22**

**#1) …Prioritized WELCOMING Others.**

*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.* Romans 16:1-2

**#2) … Ordinary, Common Christians: SERVED.**

***3****Greet Priscillaand 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****.* Romans 16:3-5

*5…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.* ***7****Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have* ***been in prison*** *with me.****They are******outstanding*** *amongthe apostles, and they were in Christ*

*before I was.* Romans 16:5-7

***8****Greet* ***Ampliatus****,* ***my******dear friend*** *in the Lord.* ***9****Greet* ***Urbanus****, our* ***co-worker in Christ****, and my dear friend Stachys.* ***10****Greet Apelles, whose* ***fidelity to Christ*** *has stood the test. Greet those who belong to the household of* ***Aristobulu****s.* ***11****Greet* ***Herodion****, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of* ***Narcissus*** *who are in the Lord.* Romans 16:8-11

***12****Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those* ***women who work hard*** *in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman* ***who has worked very hard*** *in the Lord.* Romans 16:12

***13****Greet* ***Rufus****, chosen in the Lord, and his mother,* ***who has been a mother to me****, too.* Romans 16:13

Romans 5:6-8

***21****A certain man from* ***Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus****, was passing by on his way in from the country, and* ***they forced him to carry the cross****.* Mark 15:21

***16****Greet one another with a* ***holy kiss****. All the churches of Christ send greetings.* Romans 16:16

***21****Timothy, my co-worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius,*

*Jason and Sosipater, my fellow Jews.* ***23****Gaius, whose* ***hospitality*** *I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city’s director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.* Romans 16:21-23

**#3) …Walked In Obedience And UNITY.**

***17****I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who* ***cause divisions*** *and put* ***obstacles*** *in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.****18****For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.* Romans 16:17-18

***19****Everyone has heard about your* ***obedience****, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.* Romans 16:19

***20****The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.* ***22****I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.* Romans 16:20-22

**Paul’s Doxology:**

***25****Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,****26****but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith—****27****to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.* Romans 16:25-27

**POINSETTIAS**