

# **ROMANS**

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## **THE TWO KINDS OF ME**

### **Romans 8:1-11 Basic Bible Study Questions**

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1. What does Paul say regarding those who are in Christ Jesus (i.e., Christians) (1)?
2. Define "condemnation" (1). Use a dictionary if necessary.
3. Some translations use "you" in 8:2; others use "me." This does not matter since he is referring to Christians. What has set you free from the law of sin and death (2)?
4. What things could the Law not do (8:3; see 7:7-12)?
5. Who does the "His own Son" refer to (3)?
6. What did "His own Son" do (3)?
7. For what reason did the 'Son' accomplish these things (4)?
8. For whom does the "Son" accomplish these things (4)?

9. What two kinds of people are referred to in verse 5?

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10. What is the difference between the minds of these two kinds of people (6)?

11. List the four statements that are made regarding the 'mind set on the flesh' in verses 7 & 8?

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12. What is the overriding characteristic of those who are controlled by the Spirit (9)?

13. Can anyone be a genuine Christian and not have the Holy Spirit (9)?

14. When he refers to the Christian's body as being "dead" (10), do you think he is talking about Christians who are physically dead or Christians who are living but as far as they are concerned, they are no longer living under the control of their bodies (i.e., flesh)? Explain.

15. From verse 9 we learned the Spirit of God dwells in every single Christian. How

will that Spirit affect our present lives and bodies (11)?

16. List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## Romans 8:12-25 Bible Studies

### LED BY THE SPIRIT

1. What are Christians not obligated to do (12)?
2. What is the end result of a person who lives by the principles and power of the flesh (13)?
3. What happens when one lives by the Spirit (13)?
4. Christians not only have the Spirit of God (9) but also are "\_\_\_\_\_ " by the Spirit of God and as a result are called the sons of God. (Please fill in the blank from verse 14.)
5. What happens when people are driven by a spirit of slavery (15)?
6. What happens when people are driven by a spirit of sonship (15)?
7. From verse 16 share what the Spirit does in the hearts of Christians?
8. Write in the progression of thought Paul makes in verse 17.  
If we are children, then we are \_\_\_\_\_,  
and because of this we are "\_\_\_\_\_."

9. What pattern of Christian living is mentioned in the latter part of verse 17?

10. Describe both the sufferings and the glories which are mentioned in verse 18. See below.

"\_\_\_\_\_sufferings are not worthy comparing  
with the glory that \_\_\_\_\_."

11. What is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed (19)?

12. Why is it so expectantly waiting (20)?

13. Like the end of a beautiful novel, share how this world's story will end (21)?

14. How does verse 22 amplify the phrase in verse 20 "creation was subjected to frustration"?

15. Who else besides the creation is groaning and anticipating the liberation of God's children (23)?

16. Why does "hope" accurately characterize a Christian's life on earth (24-25)?

17. Will we have hope in heaven (24-25)?

18. List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## BOUGHT AND PROTECTED BY THE LORD

### Romans 8:26-39 Basic Bible Study Questions

1. What weakness does the Bible say Christians have (26)?
2. How does the Lord help us with this problem (26-27)?
3. Memorize Romans 8:28. What is so important about this verse so that many Christians quote this verse?
4. Notice the sequence in verses 29-31. They verify God's purpose in our lives. {Fill in. Notice all 4 blanks follow an also.}  
For those God foreknew, He also \_\_\_\_\_  
and these He also \_\_\_\_\_;  
and to these He also \_\_\_\_\_; and  
to these He also \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Is God for us or against us (31)?
6. How does the Lord prove to us in verse 32 that He really is for us, that is, on our

side?

7. Why cannot anyone bring a charge against us (33-34)?

8. Which of these verses states the LORD's love for His children (35-37)?

9. List those 7 troubles in verse 35 which Christians often must face.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

10. Even though we as Christians might face such hardships, are we allowed to question God's love for us or another Christian (37)?

11. Where is the love of God found (see v. 39)?

12. Paul is absolutely convinced that nothing in this universe can separate us from the love of God. List the things which cannot threaten our loving relationship with the Lord (38-39).

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13. Share at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## WHAT ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES TO THE JEWS?

### Romans 9:1-13 Bible Study Questions

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1. List the five phrases from 9:1-2 which describe Paul's sincerity and feelings.
2. What is it that Paul wishes happen (see verse 9:3)? Try to put it in your own words.
3. List all the ways Paul describes the special blessings which mark off the Israelites as the people of God (4-5)?
4. Has God's word failed at all (6)?
5. What simple reasoning does Paul give for this conclusion (6b)?
6. Paul shows biblical proof for this conclusion by quoting and commenting on several biblical passages. Write down these four Old Testament quotes and their references. Afterwards, go back to each passage and see what each quote actually proves.
  - a. Romans 9:6-7 This proves
  - b. Romans 9:8-9 This proves

c. Romans 9:10-12 This proves

d. Romans 9:13 (This proves the same thing as the above one in verses 10-12.)

7. List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## ANSWERING GOD'S ACCUSERS

### Romans 9:14-23 Bible Study Questions

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1. Rephrase the question found in verse 14 in your own words?
2. How does Paul respond to this question (14)? {Notice he doesn't wait for anybody's answer!}
3. Write down the words God spoke to Moses (see both Exodus 33:19 and Romans 9:15).
4. What conclusion does Paul draw from the above quote (see verse 16)?
5. What is one major reason God gave so much authority to Pharaoh (17)?
6. How does verse 18 differ from verse 15?
7. What problem did Paul anticipate that people would have with his former conclusion (19)?

8. How does Paul answer those doubts (20-21)?

9. What two kinds of objects (NIV) or vessels (NASB) does verses 22-23 mention?

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10. Why did the Lord put up with sinners so long (22-23)?

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## GRACE TO THE NATIONS

### Romans 9:24-33 Bible Study Questions

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1. Who does the 'even us' of verse 24 refers to? Check out verses 22-23.
  
2. From what two groups were these special people called or taken from (24)?
  - 1)
  - 2)
  
3. What book of the Bible does he quote verses from to prove this (25)?
  
4. List the three descriptions of God's people, before and after God dealt with them (25-26).

1) Before	After
2) Before	After
3) Before	After
  
5. The Lord states two facts about the Israelites from verse 27. What are they?

First truth: The sons of Israel will be as many as the grains of sand of the sea.

Second truth:
  
6. Are we to be sure these things will occur (see verse 28)?
  
7. Verse 29 is rephrased in the NIV with 'Unless the Lord Almighty...?'. The original text

literally translated from the Old Testament says, "Except the LORD of Sabaoth...? What does 'Sabaoth' mean? How is it that they translate it "Lord Almighty"?"

8. What are we to assume concerning the nature of Israel from what it says in verse 29?

9. Complete the two contrasts Paul mentions in verses 30 & 31. Please circle & fill in.

The Gentiles (did/did not) pursue \_\_\_\_\_ (have/have not) obtained it (30).

The Israelites (did/did not) pursue \_\_\_\_\_ (have/have not) attained it (31).

10. Why is it that the Israelites were unsuccessful (32)?

11. What promise is given both to the Jews and to the Gentiles (33)?

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## SHARING THE GOSPEL

### Romans 10:1-15 Bible Study Questions

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1. Who is Paul greatly concerned about at the beginning of this chapter (10:1; cf. 9:1-5)?

2. What are the two ways Paul sees his own concern for these people (10:1)?

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3. Were they sincere in their religious beliefs (2)?

4. What was Paul's criticism of their belief (2)?

5. List the three obstacles that these people had in becoming saved (3).

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6. Complete verse 4 (NIV version). Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ so that there

may be \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone who \_\_\_\_\_.

7. How does Moses describe the life based on the law (5)?



8. The righteousness based on faith is also spoken of in the Old Testament. What two truths about the Messiah are prophesied in these Old Testament verses (6-7)?

a) "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down.)

b) 'Who will descend into the deep?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

9. Is the Messiah Paul preached about different than what they have in their Old Testament scriptures (8)?

10. We are very familiar with the confession stated in verse 9 and amplified in verse 10? What is the connection between this confession and the quote in verse (8)?

11. Paul is sharing the gospel with the Jews in these verses. Please state the quote that he uses to clinch his powerful gospel presentation (11).

12. Paul was certain this message was not only for Jews but for Gentiles too. What scripture does he give to the Jews showing that salvation riches are for whoever calls upon Him (12-13)?

13. Paul also uses Old Testament scripture to defend his missionary zeal (14-15). Complete the logical steps Paul develops in these two verses.

a. How can they call upon the Lord if they haven't \_\_\_\_\_ (14)?

b. How can they believe unless they have \_\_\_\_\_ (14)?

c. How can they hear unless someone \_\_\_\_\_ to them (14)?

d. How can they preach unless someone \_\_\_\_\_ (15)?

***"How beautiful feet of those who bring good news!"***

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## REJECTED BUT NOT FORSAKEN

### Romans 10:16-11:10 Bible Study Questions

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1. What does the gospel ('glad tidings' in NASB; 'message' in NIV) literally mean (10:16)?
2. Did everyone believe the gospel who heard it (10:16)?
3. Copy the OT quote in verse 10:16 which gives evidence for this unbelief.
4. Where does faith come from (10:17)?
5. Is it because Israel had never heard the gospel that they did not believe in Christ (18)?
6. These two verses prove that Israel did hear but as a nation did not believe Christ (19-20)? What is it that God said He would do if Israel turned away from the truth?

7. Does God's rejection of Israel mean He doesn't care for them (10:21)?

8. God hasn't totally rejected His people Israel. What example does Paul give us in 11:1?

9. Which Israelites did He did not reject?

10. What example does Paul give to prove that He has not rejected all Israelites (see 11:2-4)?

11. Paul described his own era as being (please circle one of the following)

a) the same, b) better than or c) worse than the time of Elijah (11:5).

12. What are those chosen and reserved by God called in verse 5?

13. Try to put in your own words the phrase "and if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace" (11:6)? Do your best!

14. Circle one of the two principles below that God uses in saving His people (see 11:7).

a) Those who work the hardest for Him are saved.

b) Those who had not really been seeking received salvation because they were chosen.

15. God uses the 'hardening' of hearts and minds as a means of judging people. Describe the various ways Paul describes this process or the results of this hardening (11:8-10).

16. List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## A HOPE AND A WARNING

### Romans 11:11-24 Bible Study Questions

1. Who is it that stumbled (11:11)?

2. What is the difference between stumbling and falling (11)?

Stumbling is when

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Falling is when

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3. So then, did Israel 'fall' (11)?

4. How is it that pagans, called Gentiles, were given the opportunity to believe (11-12)?

5. What does the last phrase in verse 12 mean? Finish this statement:

If God was to use Israel's sin and failures to bring blessings to the whole world,

He will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ when the  
Israelites obey.

6. What did Israel's rejection of the Messiah bring to the world (15)?

7. Paul as the apostle to the Gentiles wanted his ministry to have an impact upon his fellow Israelites. How did he hope this might work out (13-14)?

8. What sign of hope for the Jewish nation do we have from Paul in verse 15?

9. Simply share the meaning of this truth through the two illustrations in verse 16.

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10. Paul takes the later illustration of verse 16 and enlarges upon it. Write down both the literal meaning (17) and the spiritual meaning (17-18) of this illustration.

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11. Who is Paul warning in verse 18?

12. What is the warning (18)?

13. Why is it that the Gentiles (the branches) might become prideful (19-21)?

14. List two attributes of God from verse 22.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

15. Who does God treat severely (22)?

16. Who does God treat kindly (22)?

17. Is God able to treat kindly those He has dealt severely with (23-24)?

16. List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## DON'T BE UNINFORMED!

### Romans 11:25-36 Bible Study Questions

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1. Why doesn't Paul want us to be ignorant of the mystery (25)?
2. Either explain this mystery in your own words or quote Paul (25b-d).
3. Will all or part of Israel be saved (26)?
4. How does Paul describe this salvation in verses 26-27 (this is from Isaiah 59:20-21)?
5. Share the two different standpoints of the Israelites expressed in verse 28.

From the gospel's point of view the Israelites are

\_\_\_\_\_

He will

\_\_\_\_\_ when the Israelites obey.

6. What two things are irrevocable (29)?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

7. The pronouns of verses 30-31 can be confusing. Please fill in what the words stands for.

?Just as \_\_\_\_\_(you) who were at one time disobedient to God

have now received mercy as a result of \_\_\_\_\_(their) disobedience,

so \_\_\_\_\_ (they) too have now become disobedient

in order that \_\_\_\_\_(they) too may now receive mercy as a

result of God's mercy to \_\_\_\_\_(you)."

8. For what reason has God bound all men over to disobedience (32)?

9. List at least five of the ways God is described in verses 33-35.

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10. Verse 36 is an expressive and yet terse summary of God's power and being. Explain each of the given clauses below in your own words.

i. "from Him"

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ii. "through Him"

\_\_\_\_\_

iii. "to Him"

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11. How does Paul close this message about election and salvation (36)?

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## OUR RESPONSE TO EACH OTHER

### Romans 12:1-8 Bible Study Questions

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1. What does Paul urge his brothers and sisters to do (12:1)?
2. What do you think the difference between a living sacrifice and a dead sacrifice is(1)?
3. So how does Paul define "spiritual worship" in verse 1?
4. What are we not to pattern our lives after (2)?
5. How do we transform our lives (2)?
6. As a result of transforming our minds, we will then "be able to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's will is" (2).
7. What three ways does Paul describe God's will at the end of verse 2?
8. How are we not to think of ourselves (3)?
9. How are we to think of ourselves (3)?

10. How do verses 4 and 5 relate to the way we think of ourselves (3-5)?

11. List the analogy (illustration) of the church in verses 4-5?

12. In which way are the different gifts spread out among the members of the church (6)?

13. List the different gifts mentioned in verses 6-8 and after that the way we are to use it.

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## PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

### Romans 12:9-21 Bible Study Questions

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1. What does Paul say our love toward others should be like(9a)?
2. What does 'cling to what is good' in verse 9 mean?
- 3.What two other ways does he describe a Christian's love in verse 10?
4. List the counsel Paul gives in verses 11-13 for our spiritual lives? Circle the difficult ones.

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5. How are we to respond to the those who are persecute us (14)?

6. How do verses 15 and 16 complement each other? How do they say the same thing?

7. Can we ever pay back evil for something someone has done to us or someone else we love (17)?

8. What does Paul say regarding making peace between you and everyone else (18)?

9. List a few attitudes or thoughts we should have toward our desires to take our own revenge {from verses 19-21}. {At least give one principle per verse}.

10.. List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## **SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT & LOVE**

### **Romans 13:1-14 Bible Study Questions**

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1. Who are we to subject ourselves to (13:1)?
2. Why is it that we are to subject ourselves to them in this way (1)?
3. When a man rebels against this authority, who else is he resisting (2)?
4. What happens as a result of this rebellion (2)?
5. How do we get rid of our fear of the governmental authorities (3)?
6. What are the governmental authorities called in verse 4?
7. What therefore is the responsibility of the governmental authorities (4)?
8. Besides fearing what the government might do to you if it catches you doing something wrong, what is the other reason we are to submit to the government (5)?
9. According to verse 6, what are taxes for?



10. What does Paul say about all the preferential treatment the government might expect (7)?

11. What does verse 8 say about debt?

12. What command summarizes the others (8,9)?

13. Complete this sentence from verse 10, "Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law."

14. According to verse 11, what are we to be doing now?

15. List the behaviors he tells us to avoid (12-13)?

16. Memorize verse 14. Put a check here once you have completely memorized it.

17. List **at least** two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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## Romans 14:1-12 Bible Study Questions

### RESPECTING OUR DIFFERENCES

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1. What kind of people are we told to accept (14:1)?
2. What condition is put upon the way we accept them (1b)?
3. Describe the two kinds of people and their faith as mentioned in verse 2.
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4. What does Paul ask both groups to do in verse 3?
5. What is the main point of his question in verse 4?
6. Paul goes from speaking about foods to what topic in verse 5?
7. Describe the two views Christians have toward treating certain days as holy days (5).
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8. What is the most important principle both groups need to remember (5c)?

9. What makes a person's views 'holy' and acceptable to the Lord (6)?

10. The NASB translation of verse 7 is more accurate: "For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself." If we don't live or die for ourselves, for whom do we live (8)?

11. What was the overall purpose of Christ's death and resurrection (9)?

12. Paul asks two questions in verse 10. Write them in your own words.

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13. Why are we not to judge our brothers and sisters (10c)?

14. Are Christians exempt from the need to give an account of ourselves? Why (11-12)?

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## Romans 14:13-15:13 Bible Study Questions

### LOVING NOT JUDGING

1. Instead of judging one another, what are we asked to do in verse 14:13?  
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2. What is Paul so sure of in verse 14a? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What allowance does he build into his certainty of what is right (14b)?
4. What law am I breaking when I make an issue of food to the point I hurt my brother (15a)?
5. Write down a few synonyms for the word 'destroy'? Why might Paul use such a strong word in verse 15b to describe the situation?
6. Verse 16 is a powerful and practical principle for our lives. Write this verse down.
7. If eating and drinking are not the most important things about the kingdom of God, what is (17)?

8. What things are we to pursue (19)?

9. What does Paul ask us to refrain from doing if it causes our brother to stumble (21)?

10. Verses 14:22-23 also lists a very important principle for our Christian faith. Write it in your own words.

11. Instead of criticizing those who are weaker than ourselves, how are we to treat them (15:1-2)?

12. Why should we go out of our way to help others (15:3)?

13. What can we look forward to find in the Old Testament Scriptures (15:4)?

14. Instead of looking down on different individuals, what should our attitude be (15:5)?

15. What is our purpose of being of the same mind (15:6)?

16. The principle set out in verse 7, "Accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God," is elaborated in verses 8-13 among two different groups. What are those two different groups called (15:8 & 9-12)?

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17. Through what power are they able to really love those which have different views (15:13)?

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## MISSION REMAINING

### Romans 15:14-33 Bible Study Questions

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1. Does Paul have a negative or positive attitude toward the brothers and sisters (14)?

Circle one: Negative Positive

2. List the three characteristics Paul is convinced that his brethren possess (15:14)?

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3. Why did Paul write so boldly in the book of Romans (15a)?

4. Where did Paul's authority to do this come from (15b)?

5. Write in your own words the concept (analogy) Paul had toward his ministry (see verse 16).

6. Is it right to be boastful? Explain Paul's attitude toward this and his ministry (17-18).

7. How was Paul faithful to the test he mentioned in verse 18 (see 19)?

8. What was Paul's aspiration as a minister of the gospel (20-21)? Why was this particularly appropriate as an apostle?
9. Does Paul want to visit Rome (22-24)? Why? What other intention does he have?
10. What is Paul's explanation for delaying his trip to Rome (25-26)?
11. Did Paul think it was appropriate for the Gentiles to make an offering to the Jews (26-27)? Why?
12. Does Paul then expect to be able to visit them (28-29)?
13. Describe how Paul wanted them to pray for him (30)?
14. What did Paul ask prayer for (30-32)?

**"Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen"**

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## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

### Romans 16:1-27 Bible Study Questions

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1. The word describing Phoebe is accurately translated either as servant or deaconess. How were they to receive her? How were they suppose to help her (16:1-2)?

2. Why were they suppose to help Phoebe so much when she came to them (16:2d)?

3. What did Prisca and Aquila do for Paul the apostle (16:3-4)?

4. What is going on in the home of Prisca and Aquila (16:5)?

5. Did you notice each verse from verse 6-16 all start with the same word 'Greet'? Write down next to the names below the greeting associated with these brothers and sisters.

Mary

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Andronicus and Junias

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Ampliatius

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Urbanus

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Stachys

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Apelles

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Herodion

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Tryphaena and Tryphosa

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Persis

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Rufus

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6. How did Paul greet the church (16)? \_\_\_\_\_? How might you translate that into your culture?

7. What warning did Paul give the church in verse 17?

8. What are these men like (18)?

9. What good thing did Paul hear about the church in Rome (19)?

10. Write down the benediction in verse 20.

11. Verses 25-27 is also a benediction. (Some ancient manuscripts also include verse 24 with its own benediction).

What is it that Paul wants them to be established in (25)?

12. Is the mystery spoken of in verse 25 now known or still unknown (25-26)?

13. What is made known to the nations leading to their obedience (25-26)?

14. What does Paul wish God to gain (27)?

15. List **at least** two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

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