

# **The Final Words**

## **Romans 16**

### **Introduction**

Chapters 1-3 All have sinned/ The World Has Denied God/ God will bring Wrath

Chapters 4-6 The Just shall live by faith/We live in righteousness/ We are Baptized into a new life

Chapters 7-8 We now no longer live by the law/ We now live by the Spirit/ We go from victims to conquerors

Chapters 9-11 Israel does not get it/ The Gentiles now enjoy it

Chapter 12-14 We now live in Christ as a living sacrifice/ We live in Christian Liberty

Chapters 15 We now live in Unity/ We now strive together in the Gospel

Chapter 16 One final blessing and one final warning

### **Verses 1-16, 21-24 The People of the Church**

1. Phebe = a woman mentioned first (v1)
2. Andronicus and Junia fellow prisoners (v7)
3. Priscilla and Aquilla (v3)
4. Aristobulus and Narcissus Households (Slaves) (v11-12)
5. Persis = a Persian woman (v12)
6. Tryphena = Luxurious/ Tryphosa = delicate sister (v12)
7. Rufus = possibly Simon the Cyrene's son (v13)
8. Timotheus/ Lucius/ Jason/ Sosipater/ Gaius/ Erastus
9. Tertius = Latin name/ amuensus
10. Paul eyes issue = Colossians / 2 Thessalonians/ Galatians = they would trade their own eyes
11. This church is built on variety and diversity
12. Rich and poor

13. Man and woman
14. Jew and Gentile
15. Educated and unlearned
16. Slave and master
17. The church is that way today.

### **Verses 17-20 The Snakes in the Church**

1. Mark them which cause divisions
2. Mark them which cause offenses
3. Contrary to the doctrine
4. Avoid them
5. Jude 4 Certain men that have crept in unawares
6. Unawares = slide into water
7. Alligators
8. Jaws
9. Snakes that sneak in
10. Satan could not destroy the church through persecution
11. So if you can't beat them join them
12. Muslims/ Mormons/ Hinduism/ Buddhism/ Jehovah Witnesses
13. Prosperity Gospel/ Bible doubters/ Andy Stanley
14. Many snakes have slipped in
15. Paul warns
16. They only care about their own belly
17. They give fair speeches
18. They deceive the naïve or simple ones
19. Be wise to that which is good and evil
20. Satan will be bruised by the God of peace shortly

## **Verses 25-27 The Mysterious Gospel**

1. God reveals the mystery of the gospel
2. God kept secret since the world began
3. But now is manifested by the scriptures
4. By the prophets
5. According to the commandment of the everlasting God
6. Made known to all nations for the obedience of faith
7. God slowly and gradually has revealed the gospel message
8. Jesus is revealed
9. The Odyssey (Homer) Odysseus/ Penelope/ Telemachus/ Ithaca/ The row of twelve Axes
10. He strings the bow and takes his rightful place as King of Ithaca
11. Jesus is revealed by stringing the bow of righteousness and stomping the head of the serpent
12. God reveals the Messiah in the mysterious gospel
13. To God be glory through Jesus Christ Amen

## **Conclusion:**

1. You too are named in the diverse body of Christ
2. You too must mark the snakes that creep into the church
3. You too have seen the messiah mysteriously revealed through the pages of the scriptures

## **Challenge:**

1. Be glad as a piece of the church
2. Be aware of false teachings about the gospel
3. Be in awe of the redemption of God