**Romans Sermons, Part 58**

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-17) > A. Paul’s Salutation (1:1-7), B. Paul’s Request (1:8-15), C. Paul’s Theme: The Righteousness of God (1:16-17).

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS INTRODUCED BECAUSE OF SIN (1:18-3:20)

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**VII. GREETINGS AND CONCLUSION (16:1-27)**

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**PREMISE:  Paul had a love for the Baptists in Rome although he had not known them personally. He sent his greetings to the six assemblies and addressed the saints with emphasis on Christian women.**

**GREETINGS (Rom. 16:1-16)**

**I. The Recommendation of Paul (vv. 1-2) >** main church > *ekklesia*(cf. vv. 1, 4, 5, 16, 23)

**II. The Remembrances of Paul (vv. 3-16) > *A. The Church #1 (vv. 3-5)*** *ekklesia* in their house ***B. The Church #2 (vv. 6-10)***

 ***C. The Church #3 (v. 11)***

1. The Salutation > greet (2x) or salute (3x) *> aorist* imperative > *aspazomai* (54x)

 2. The Saints (2x) **> a new name (Rev. 2:17)**

 a. Saint # 1

 1) Identity > *Herodion* (1x) > “heroic” (1x) > (Gospel in palace [Phil. 1:13]; also Acts 23:35

 2) Involvement > kinsman (relative of Paul [?])

 b. Saint #2

1) Identity > *Narcissus* (1x) > “stupidity” (Ovid: beautiful young man who fell in love with his reflection in water and was turned into the flower narcissus which flowers produce narcotic numbness)

2) Involvement > had household church in the Lord

 ***D The Church #4 (vv. 12-14)***

1. The Salutation > greet (2x) or salute (3x) *> aorist* imperative > *aspazomai* (54x)

 2. The Saints (9x)

 a. Saints # 1 & 2

1) Identity > *Trypena* (1x) > “luxurious” & *Tryphosa* (1x) > "luxuriating"

 2) Involvement > *“labour”* (present tense) *in the Lord”*

 c. Saint # 3

1) Identity > *Persis* (1x) “Persian woman”

 2) Involvement > *“beloved who laboured”* (past tense) *“much”* (*polus* [365x])

d. Saint # 4

1) Identity > *Rufus* (2x) >”Red”

 2) Involvement > *“chosen”* (*eklektos*) Mk. 15:21 (Simon’s son), his mother (& Paul’s)

e. Saint # 5

1) Identity > *Asyncritus* (1x) “incomparable”

 2) Involvement > brethren *“with”* (*sun*) them

f. Saint # 6

1) Identity > *Phlegon* (1x) > “burning”

 2) Involvement > brethren *“with”* (*sun*) them

g. Saint # 7

1) Identity > *Hermas* (1x) > “mercury”

 2) Involvement > brethren *“with”* (*sun*) them

h. Saint # 8

1) Identity > *Patrobas* (1x) > “paternal”

 2) Involvement > brethren *“with”* (*sun*) them

i. Saint # 9

 1) Identity > *Hermes* (2x) > “herald of the gods”

 2) Involvement > brethren *“with”* (*sun*) them

**CONCLUSION: Paul addressed 6 assemblies and he knew many of the brethren in Rome.**

***E. The Church #5 (v. 15)***

1. The Salutation > greet (2x) or salute (3x) *> aorist* imperative > *aspazomai* (54x)

 2. The Saints (8x)

 *a. Saint # 1*

 *b. Saint # 2*

*c. Saint # 3*

*d. Saint # 4*

 e*. Saint # 5*

**III. The Reciprocation by Paul (v. 16)**

**CONCLUSION:**