**Romans Sermons, Part 59**

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)

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPUTED FOR SALVATION (3:21-5:21)

IV. RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPARTED FOR SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:39)

V. RIGHEOUSNESS INSTRUCTIONAL IN SOVEREIGNTY (9:1-11:36) > Their Reception (9), Their Rejection (10), Their Restoration (11)

VI. RIGHTEOUSNESS INSTRUMENTAL FOR SERVICE (12:1-15:33) > With Respect to Church Resp. (12), to Civil Resp. (13), and to Christian Resp. (14-15)

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

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**PREMISE:  Paul had a love for the Baptists in Rome although he had visited the churches. He sent his greetings to the six assemblies and addressed the saints with emphasis on Christian women. He does not mention either Peter or the “pope.”**

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

**I. The Recommendation of Paul (vv. 1-2) > *Main Church = “you…ye”*** > *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) D The Church #4 (vv. 12-14)*

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

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

 2. The Saints (8x) **> a new name (Rev. 2:17)**

 *a. Saint # 1*

(1) Identity *> Philologus* (1x) *“lover of the word”*

(2) Involvement > male saint *“with them”* in the assembly

 *b. Saint # 2*

(1) Identity *> Julia* (1x) *> “soft haired”*

(2) Involvement > female saint *“with them”* in the assembly

*c. Saints # 3 and 4*

(1) Identity > *Nereus* (1x) *> “lump”* and his sister> *adelphe* (24x)

(2) Involvement > male saint and female saint *“with them”* in the assembly

 e*. Saint # 5*

(1) Identity > *Olympas* (1x) *> “heavenly”*

(2) Involvement > male saint *“with them”* in the assembly

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

 ***A. The Commendation > holy kiss (v. 16a)***

1. The Nature > *philemati hagio* (also I Cor. 16:20; I Thes. 5:26) > Lk. 22:47-48 (“the kiss of betrayal”)!

 2. The Number > (4x) including II Cor. 13:12; but I Pet. 5:14 (*“kiss of charity”*)

 ***B. The Churches (v. 16b)***

 1. Corinth (Rom. 16:23; see I Cor. 1:14)

 2. Cenchrea (Acts 18:18)

 3. Athens (Acts 17:34; I Cor. 16:15)

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**CONCLUSION: Sister Independent Baptist Churches work and serve together. Let’s pray for our friends!**