**Romans Sermons, Part 60**

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**VII. GREETINGS (16:1-16) AND CONCLUSION (16:17-27)**

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

**CONCLUSION (vv. 17-27)**

**A. The Caution for the Churches (vv. 17-18)**

 ***1. The Danger (v. 17)***

a. The Recognition (v.17a) *“mark” scopeo* ([6x] present infinitive) and *“avoid” ekklino* ([3x] *aorist* imperative) > Jude 1:4; *contra* Phil. 3:17

b. The Reason (v. 17b) > *“divisions” dichostasia* (3x) > Gal. 5:20 and *“offences” skandalon* (15x)

 ***2. The Doctrine (v. 18)***

 a. Their Service (v. 18a)

 1) Their God > not the Lord Jesus Christ

 2) Their Gluttony > *“belly” koilia* (23x) > II Pet. 2:3

 b. Their Speeches (v. 18b)

 1) Their Declarations

 a) Their *“Good Words”* *chrestologia* (1x)

 b) Their *“Fair Speeches” eulogia* (16x)

 2) Their Deception

 a) Their Audience > *“simple” akakos* (2x) “no bad”

 b) Their Action > *“deceive” >* *exapatao* (5x) > II Cor. 11:3

**B. The Consistency of the Churches (vv. 19-20)**

 ***1. The Obedience of the Churches (v. 19a)*** > world-wide (cf. I Thes. 1:7-8)

 ***2. The Observance of the Churches (v. 19b)*** > *“wisdom” sophos* (22x)

 ***3. The Outcome for the Churches (v. 20)*** > warfare *“shortly” tachos* (7x) > Rev. 20:10

 a. The Bruising of Satam (v. 20a) > *“Bruise” suntribo* (8x) > Gen. 3:15 (*suph*) > Isa. 53:10; Heb. 2:14

 b. The Blessing for Saints (v. 20b) > *charis* (156x)

**C. The Compatriots with the Churches (vv.21-24)** *> “salute” aspazomai* (60x) present indicative

 ***1. The Servants (vv. 21-23)***

 a. Timotheus (28x) “honor God” > *“my workfellow” sunergos* (13x).

b. Lucius (2x) “bright light” > *“my kinsmen” > suggenes* (Acts 13:1). NOT Lukas (Col. 4:14; II Tim. 4:11; Phile. 1:24)

 c. Jason (5x) “healer” > *“my kinsmen” > suggenes* (Acts 17:5 ff.)

 d. Sosipater (1x) “father is saviour” > *“my kinsmen” > suggenes*

e. Tertius (1x) “third” > “my scribe” > he was the amanuenses or scribe of Romans (cf. II Thes. 3:17; I Pet. 5:12)

f. Gaius (5x) “lord” > *“mine host” > xenos* (14x) *>* (I Cor. 1:14) + *“whole church”* (I Cor. 14:23)

g. Erastus (3x) “beloved” > *“the chamberlain of the city”>**oikonomos* > “economics” (financial manager of Corinth)

 h. Quartus (1x) “fourth” > *“a brother”*

***2. The Salutation (v.24)*** > Lord’s grace in serving in the assembly (cf. v. 20). CT omits this verse and 2nd *“amen”* (vv. 20, 24, 27)

**CONCLUSION: Paul was a church man writing to churches about churches and warning of threats.**