



*All in the Family*

*PASTOR MIKE YODER • ROMANS 16:1–23*

*I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church  
in Cenchreae.*

**Romans 16:1**

*I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of His people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.*



*Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus.*

**Romans 16:3**

*They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.*

**Romans 16:4**

*Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.*

**Romans 16:5**





*Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.*

**Romans 16:6**

*Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.*

**Romans 16:7**





*Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord.*

**Romans 16:8**

*Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys.*

**Romans 16:9**

*Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test.  
Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.*

**Romans 16:10**



*Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.*

**Romans 16:11**

*Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.*

*Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.*

**Romans 16:13**



*Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the other brothers and sisters with them.*

**Romans 16:14**

*Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas  
and all the Lord's people who are with them.*

**Romans 16:15**

*Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.*

**Romans 16:16**



*I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

**Romans 16:17**

*For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.*

**Romans 16:18**

*Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.*

**Romans 16:19**



*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*

**Romans 16:20**

*Timothy, my co-worker, sends his greetings to you, as do  
Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my fellow Jews.*

*I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.*

**Romans 16:22**



*Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.*

**Romans 16:23**

# The Roman Empire







Commendation of a  
Cherished Servant (16:1,2)





Greetings to Each & All in Rome (16:3–16)

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Galatians 3:28**

The prominent place occupied by women in Paul's entourage shows that he was not at all the male chauvinist of popular fantasy.

**John Stott**





Paul is spurring on the momentum from Rome. Everyone is unleashed for the Gospel.

**Dan Green**

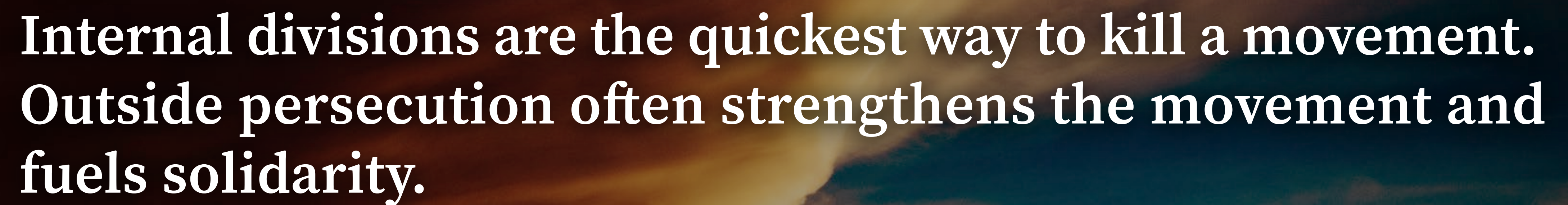
**Heterogeneity [diversity] is the essence of the Church, since it is the one and only community in the world in which Christ has broken down all dividing walls.**

**John Stott**



Warnings About Sinister Threats (16:17–20)





**Internal divisions are the quickest way to kill a movement.  
Outside persecution often strengthens the movement and  
fuels solidarity.**



*For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.*

**Acts 20:27**

*Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.*

**Acts 20:28**



*I know that, after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.*

**Acts 20:29**

*Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.*

**Acts 20:30**

*So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.*

**Acts 20:31**



**They claim devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ, but their religion is actually a camouflage for self-promotion.**

**Thomas Schreiner**



I want to see you experts in good, and not even beginners  
in evil.

**J.B. Phillips**

*And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

**Matthew 16:18**



Jesus is the serpent-crusher, at the cross and on His return; but His people are part of the victory. Satan suffers defeat each time someone puts their faith in Christ, receives His righteousness, and escapes hell; each time a Christian obeys their Father joyfully; and each time God's people worship together in faith and unity.

**Tim Keller**





Greetings From Paul's  
Teammates (16:21–23)

Paul was not a “lone ranger” kind of missionary. At every point in his ministry, Paul depended on a significant number of others who were working along with him. And if Paul needed such help, how much more do we.

**Douglas Moo**



**Everyone is important in God's economy in terms of taking the Gospel to the world. The mission matters and the people matter.**

**Dan Green**

**Gospel work involves a variety of relationships...many good, some bad, and all important.**

**Each person who knows Jesus  
Christ is adopted into God's family  
and enlisted into His mission.**