

You are Known, Loved, and Useful (Romans 16:1-16)

Pastor Deric

(1) I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, (2) that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

(3) Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, (4) who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. (5) Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. (6) Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. (7) Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.

(8) Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. (9) Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. (10) Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. (11) Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. (12) Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. (13) Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. (14) Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. (15) Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

(16) Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Practical Application

Christian...

1. You are known fully by God.
2. You are loved by God.
3. You are useful to God.

As you rest in God's love...

4. Become a more commendable servant of Christ.
5. Serve the church with the gifts God has given you.
6. Be warm and welcoming toward others.
7. Be helpful toward others.
8. Look for ways to meet the needs of others.
9. Be generous toward others.
10. Greet people in a caring way, especially other Christians.
11. Lead your family to work hard for the Lord.
12. Take risks for God's glory, the sake of His mission, and the good of others.
13. Thank God for all the people He has used in your life.
14. Open your home to be used by God in whatever way He wants.
15. Pray for converts to Christ.
16. Work very hard for the Lord.

Beloved...

17. Realize how much God loves you, and that His love is not based on your performance, but the performance of His Son, Jesus.
18. Be a part of a church family, biblical community, a team of servants, and grow in leading groups.
19. If you are approved by God then no other approval ultimately matters.
20. You have been chosen by God, are known by God, are loved by God, and are useful to God.
21. Be a spiritual mother or father, or a big brother or sister to others in the family of God.
22. Live as a saint, set apart for God.
23. Show holy affection toward others, especially in the family of God.
24. Realize you are part of a global church family that loves Jesus and loves you.

Announcements

- Kid's summer Art Camp starts tomorrow! July 15-18 (5:30-8pm).
- August 25, New Member class: Interested in becoming a member at Hope Mountain? Be sure to let Pastor Deric know. This event happens immediately after morning worship and lunch is provided with your reservation.
 - No regular Wednesday night activities over the Summer Break.
 - Our Youth Group is having having special events all Summer. See David Barrero for more info.
 - All of our Small Groups meet weekly. See our small group guide to find one that is best for you.