

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Lesson 6

Final Exhortations, Personal Plans, & Greetings

Rom. 15:14 – 16:27

Introduction

Paul's great message of justification by grace through faith is complete. There is not one single Jew or Gentile who has not been covered by his teaching. Paul answered anticipated Jews' objections...he gave hope to the Gentiles despite their hopeless past. He instructed all saints on how they should live as justified children of the Father.

All that remains to be written is his personal affections for the Roman Christians, a mention of his plans re: these brethren, and some final greetings from both himself and other brethren for the saints at Rome.

- ◆ Final Exhortations (15:14-21; 16:17-20, 25-27)
- ◆ Personal Plans (15:22-33)
- ◆ Final Greetings (16:1-16, 21-24)

Final Exhortations

1. How does Paul's first exhortation supplement what he has just taught in chs. 14 & 15? (15:14)

2. How had Paul written, and for what purpose? (15:15-16) How does he show humility? (15:17-19) What "special" work did Paul always try to do? (15:20-21)

3. What final exhortation & warning does Paul give the Roman brethren in 16:17? *Thought question:* relate this warning to *Application #6*. Why should saints act this way toward such brethren who disagree? (16:18)

4. Toward what mindset does Paul encourage saints? (16:19) What will God do to help Christians in this regard? (16:20)

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5. What is God able to do for saints? (16:25a) How does He do this? (16:25b-26; Eph. 3:1-6; 1 Pet. 1:9b-12; 2 Pet. 1:19-21)

Personal Plans

6. What had Paul longed to do? (15:22-23) [Note: connect "For this reason..." to the context] What are his plans to accomplish this? (15:24) How did these plans connect to other work in which the apostle was involved? (15:25-28)
7. Of what was Paul confident upon finally seeing his brethren in Rome? (15:29, 32-33) What does Paul request of the Roman Christians in 15:30-31?

Final Greetings

8. In 16:1-15, Paul sends personal greetings to the Roman Christians. Most of the 27 names found in these verses are not mentioned anywhere else in the New Testament. Write below any information you can find about those mentioned elsewhere.
9. In 16:21-24, Paul forwards personal greetings to the Roman Christians from other brethren interested in their welfare. Write below any information you can find about these brethren.