

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

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¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, watch out for those who cause dissensions and stumblings contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

⁸ For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

¹⁹ For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

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²¹ Timothy my fellow worker greets you, and so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

²² I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³ Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

(Romans 16:17-23)

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Letter Conclusion (15:14-16:27)

- 1) Why Paul wrote the letter: *to establish these Roman Christians in his gospel*
- 2) Paul's future plans: *to visit Rome on his way to Spain ("where Christ is not named")*
- 3) Paul's present circumstances: *on his way (from Corinth) to Jerusalem with the collection for the saints*

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Greetings from Paul's Companions

- Timothy – Paul's beloved son in the Lord
- Lucius, Jason, Sosipater – delegates to Jerusalem?
- Tertius – Paul's amanuensis (wrote what Paul dictated)
- Gaius – the one Paul baptized at Corinth; hosted the church
- Erastus – a financial officer in city government
- Quartus



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Greetings Interrupted

- Paul interrupted these greetings with an exhortation to watch out for false teachers and to turn away from them (16:17-20)

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A Final Encouragement

“And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.” (Romans 16:20)

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A Final Encouragement

1. The Original Promise

- the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15)

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2. The Decisive Defeat

- the death and resurrection of Jesus rendered Satan powerless to condemn those in Christ
- Cf. Col. 2:14-15; Heb. 2:14-15; Rev. 12:9-11

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A Final Encouragement

3. The Final Victory

- at the end of the age and return of Christ, Satan will be casted into “the lake of fire” (cf. Rev. 20:14)
- the church crushes Satan through the exalted Christ, and reigns with Him (cf. Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 8:17)
- it is “soon” – it is the climax of the age that has already dawned in the resurrection of Christ (cf. Rom. 13:12)

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