

All in the Family

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 16.
- B. There is something about all of us that wants to see our names preserved.
- C. Thirty-three names are mentioned in this section of Romans among others.
- D. Divisions: greetings from the church at Rome, warnings about phony Christians, greetings of those with Paul.

II. The letter bearer was Phoebe.

- A. She is commended by Paul.
- B. She is there for some labor and has helped Paul.
- C. Many women are impressive in Paul's letter.

III. Greetings.

- A. Aquila and Priscilla.
- B. Mary and Epinedus.
- C. Junias or Junia.
- D. Ampliatus.
- E. Urbanus.
- F. Apellus.
- G. The house of Aristobulus and of Narcissus.
- H. Herodian.
- I. Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, and Rufus.
- J. Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the other brothers.
- K. Philologus, Julia, Nereus, and Olympas.
- L. Roman society had been penetrated by the gospel even before Paul had come to Rome.

IV. The danger of those only professing to be believers is that they create factions.

A. The response is not to follow them.

B. When you do not follow them, God will preserve the peace of the church.

V. Greetings of those with Paul.

A. Tertius, Gaius, Erastus, Timothy, Lucius, Jason and Sosipater.

B. These men believed they were not their own, they believed life was a battle, they believed that a person needs rest, and they believed that the gifts of the Holy Spirit opened up the gifts for every single one.

Application questions:

1. Which names that Paul greeted stand out to you? Why?

2. Why is it a danger to follow believers that only profess faith? Explain.

3. Of the things that those with Paul believed, which speaks to you the most? What about it resonates with you?
