

Greetings and Glory to God **Romans 16:1-16, 21-27**

Greetings from Paul to Roman believers, 16:1-16

Most focus here on Phoebe since she is called a *servant* (deacon?) of the church and on Andronicus and Junias because they are called *apostles*. But note both terms can be used in a technical or a more general sense (Greek text of 13:4, 15:8/ Jn. 13:16, II Cor. 8:23, Phil. 2:25).

What is most significant about this list for us?

Greetings from Paul's companions, 16:21-24

Unlike those in 16:1-16 this group is made up mostly of people who show up elsewhere in Scripture. Most notable is Timothy; others are Jason (Acts 17:5-9), Sosipater (Acts 20:4), Gaius (I Cor. 1:14), and Erastus (Acts 19:22). Tertius is Paul's amanuensis (he frequently used, II Thess. 3:17).

Glory forever to God through Jesus Christ 16:25-27

This is a concluding doxology, praising God for the Gospel, which has inaugurated the climax of salvation history. The mystery of God's work in Christ has now been fully realized through its preaching to the nations (all people). This was the plan of the "only wise God" all along. Recall 11:33-36.

