

## ***A Warning, a Promise, and a Prayer*** **Romans 16:17-20**

### ***Warning: Watch out for false teachers. 17-19***

- The NT often warns and describes false teachers. Here Paul offers some telltale signs of a false teacher:

*Their motivation:* Jude 12ff., Acts 20:29,30, Col. 2:8

*Their message:* II Tim. 4:3-4, II Pt. 3:16

*Their master:* Phil. 3:19, II PT. 2:1-3, Titus 1:11

*Their method:* Jude 16, Col. 2:4, I Thess. 2:3-5

*Their main targets:* the naïve/innocent/trusting

- We are to shun false teachers, cf. Titus 3:10, II Jn. 10.
- Though Paul is excited about the church at Rome (1:8), they must be wise since false teachers are deceptive, Matt. 10:16.

### ***Promise: God will crush Satan under our feet. 20a***

- Why mention Satan here? It's the first time in Romans.
- Paul' prediction here recalls Gen. 3:15. And, as usual, this event is seen as imminent, 13:12, Js. 5:9, Rev. 1:3, 22:20.

### ***Prayer: The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. 20b***

As in 1:7, Paul issues a prayer-wish upon the Roman church.

