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THE BOOK OF ROMANS

16:1-15,21-23


15:30-33

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MEN to MEN Ministries

A Bible Study about a letter
written to the Church in Rome

**There is
something
about that
name.**



Phoebe

Prisca

Aquila

Epaenetus

Mary

Andronicus

Juna

Ampliatus

Stachys

Apelles

Aristobus

Herodion

Narcissus

Tryphaena

Tryposa

Persis

Rufus

Asycritus

Phlegon

Hermes

Patrobas

Hermas

Philogus

Julia

Nereus

Olympas

Lucius

Jason

Sosipater

Tertius

Giaus

Erastus

Quartus

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable and equipped for every good work.



What is in a name?

- Larry 46th most popular name in the US
- 992,968 of us Larrys are alive at last count.
- It is a male's name 99.5% of the time

- Monson, only 13,730 are alive at last count
- There 5 towns MONSON (Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, California, West Virginia.)
- Larry Monson 87 of us.

The church is made up of ordinary people

- Paul here was talking about two very different churches
 - Rome
 - mostly Gentiles
 - very strong merchant class of Jews living in a separate section of the city
 - Rome the capital of the world
 - Melting pot of cultures
 - Not a strong single church but many small home churches
 - Corinth
 - Gentile Greeks and very few Jews
 - The church met together in larger congregations between 12 and 50

1. **These ordinary, and diverse people are in the Lord**

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- In the Lord: Kurio)
 - special relationship and intimate fellowship of a Christian.
 - It is the basis of all Christian relationships
 - It is the distinctive element of those who were peculiar.
- **Phoebe**- Greek/Gentile – Cenchrea - Messenger to Rome from Paul 16:1
- **Aristobulus** – Grandson of Herod, friend of Emperor Claudius 16:10
- **Herodion** and **Narcissus**– Jewish slave of Aristobulus 16:10,11
- **Tertius** and **Quartus**– Paul’s personal secretary 16:22-23 “Third and Fourth”
- **Erastus** – city treasurer and slave owner
- **Prisca** and **Aquila 16:3** – fellow tent makers Kinsman 16:7,11,21
- **Rufus** – Also in Mark 15:21, his father carried the cross for Jesus, Libya

2. The church is made of ordinary people growing in the Lord through sound doctrine

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- Why is sound doctrine so important for unity?
- Unitarians – No need for doctrine, can't we all just get along
- Holiness – There is a special and set apart group that is better than all others.
- Excited – Music and raising hands is what is all about
- Socialists – We need to reach the people's physical, mental, and social needs before we invite them to Jesus

3. The church is made up of diverse people who are deepening their relationships with one another in the Lord.

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Epaenetus, Pheobe, Mother of Rufus, Quartus, Prisca, Aquila

- Each of these included a reference to someone else.
- They did not see themselves as a part or a isolated group.
- Bring the family
- Bring the neighbors
- Bring the slaves
- Bring the mother in laws
- Greet them all with a Holy Kiss

4. The church is made up of people who are family and thus are hospitable and helpful toward one another.

- Epaenetus first convert in Asia
- Pheobe a sister in Christ
- Quartus a brother
- the mother of Rufus who was caretaker to Paul when he was suffering.
Like a mother

5. The church is made up of people that work hard together for the Lord

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- Phoebe a servant of the church in Cenchrea
 - Host to all that would come her way
 - Could have been called a deaconess
 - Single business woman devoted to the church
- Prisca and Aquila “fellow workers in Christ Jesus”
- Tryphaena and Tryphosa, sisters – workers in the Lord
- Timothy a fellow worker

6. The church is made up whole families that have come to the Christ

- Do do list:
 - Make a list of at least 8 to 15 people
 - Ask God to show them their need for Christ
 - Ask God to give you the words to present the Gospel
 - Do it.