Romans Lesson 26

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INTRODUCTION

- There are some thirty-five names that are mentioned here, twenty-seven of which are found nowhere else in the New Testament.
- But really they, by inspiration, have been included, and they are important.

1 Women Very Much Involved in the Work of the Lord

Romans 15:8; 1 Timothy 2:12; Acts 18

- I commend unto you, Phoebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church, which is at Sincrea.
- To presume that Phoebe held some kind of official position known as deaconess is to insert more than what the text says.
- In all of these cases, it can be said that women were very much involved in the work of the Lord. They just did not hold authority positions over men.
- A church filled with godly women has the glue that holds it together.
- She was involved in the teaching, just like Aquila was, but she didn't have to be over him.

2 The Gospel Lifts Up Those Who Are Humble

Luke 14:11

- How often Paul calls them my beloved, my kinsmen, fellow Jews, greet them.
- They are names mostly given to those who were slaves, or maybe freedmen, but people who probably were poor in this world.
- Isn't it remarkable how the gospel lifts up those who are humble?
- Here are some people who may have been just servants, but they were great people in the eyes of the Apostle Paul, and no doubt in the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 The Churches of Christ Salute You

1 Corinthians 1; Ephesians 4:4; Acts 4:12

- The kiss must be holy, that is, it must be pure and sincere.
- It is not an official name of a denomination.
- There was really only one church that built by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- All believers should wear a biblical description. This is not an official name, but it's a right description.

4 Mark Them Which Cause Divisions and Avoid Them

1 John 4; Matthew 7; Galatians 1:6–8

- Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you've learned, and avoid them.

- Here the apostle said it must matter what you believe.
- They teach a doctrine different from what you can read, book, chapter, and verse in the scriptures.
- It is important what we believe while we believe it.

5 Fellow Companions Also Sending Greetings

Philippians 3; 1 Corinthians 1:26

- Paul begins to name some of his fellow companions who also are sending greetings to the saints that are in Rome.
- He gave himself fully to the cause of Christ.
- There were some who were of importance, at least among men, who obeyed the gospel.

6 Made Known to All Nations for the Obedience of Faith

Genesis 12:3; Romans 1:5; Romans 6:17–18

- Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery.
- It is something which had not earlier been revealed.
- It's made known to all nations, that be Jew and Gentile, for the obedience of faith.
- It doesn't teach faith only in the sense of a mental agreement only. It teaches obedience of the faith.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you obeyed him? May God help you to do just that.**

MY NOTES