

- I. Paul's Commendation of Phoebe (v.1,2).**
 - A. Phoebe served the Lord in the Church at Cenchrea.**
 - 1. The Greek word "diakonon" can refer to anyone who serves (see Rom. 15:8 and 1 Cor. 3:5).**
 - 2. It can also refer to someone who holds the office of deacon (see Acts 6:1-6; Phil. 1:1; and 1 Tim. 3:8-12).**
 - B. Phoebe delivered Paul's letter to the Roman Church.**
- II. Selected Greetings from Paul to Friends (v.3-16).**
 - A. Priscilla and Aquila – their home was one of many "house churches" in Rome; the Early Church was made up of multiple "house churches" in various cities; the first "church buildings" were constructed in the 3rd century.**
 - B. Andronicus and Junias – Early Church missionaries.**
 - C. Aristobulus – possibly a grandson of Herod the Great.**
 - D. Rufus – son of Simon from Cyrene (see Matt. 27:32).**
- III. Paul's Warning Against False Teachers (v.17-20).**
 - A. How to identify false teachers.**
 - 1. They cause divisions in the church.**
 - 2. They teach things that are contrary to Scripture.**
 - 3. Their goal is fame and fortune.**
 - 4. They smooth talk and flatter to gain followers.**
 - 5. They focus on naïve people.**
 - 6. They are tools of Satan.**
 - B. Get away from false teachers and get into the Word.**
- IV. Selected Greetings from Paul's Co-Workers (v.21-23).**
 - A. Timothy – Paul wrote two letters (1 & 2 Tim.) to him.**
 - B. Tertius – served as Paul's amanuensis (person who writes down what someone else says).**
 - C. Quartus – means "fourth"; since Tertius means "third" it's quite possible that Tertius and Quartus were the third and fourth sons of a particular family.**
- V. Paul's Doxology (v.25-27).**
 - A. God is able (he has the power) to establish you (to make you strong and stable) through Christ.**
 - B. The gospel of Christ is no longer a mystery; people of all nations can know the one and only Savior.**
 - C. Those who believe in, trust in, and obey Christ are children of God and have eternal life.**
 - D. Rejoice in the Lord always and always give glory to God!**