

**Study of Romans 16**  
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**Romans 16:1- 27**

There are a few things that I notice when I read the last chapter of the book of Romans. First of all, Paul wants **ALL** believers to recognize and appreciate all those that labour for the kingdom of Elohim. He wants **ALL** believers to understand that this **IS NOT AN EASY TASK** and that these labourers need encouragement and that that encouragement should be done as often as possible and with as much love and compassion as we can muster up. He also encourages **ALL** believers **TO DO** the same with each other and greet each other with love, demonstrated by hugs and kisses, because we are **ALL** of the same family in Elohim. The word **salute** is Strong's number G782, ἀσπάζομαι, aspazomai, which means *to enfold in the arms, or to embrace*, and **IT IS** used **SEVENTEEN** times in this chapter of the King James Bible, and the number seventeen in Scripture speaks of *victory and resurrection*, for it was on the seventeenth Day of Aviv that Messiah was resurrected from the dead. The word translated as **greet**, is the very same Strong's number G782, ἀσπάζομαι, aspazomai, and it is used **four** times, and the number four in Scripture speaks of the advent of our Messiah, and as you can see the word **greet** and the word **salute** are translated from the very same Greek word ἀσπάζομαι, aspazomai, to *embrace or enfold in the arms*, therefore that word is effectively used *twenty one* times in the Greek Scriptures. There are **twelve** people or people groups that are *to be saluted*, and the number **twelve** in Scripture speaks of Elohim's perfect government, and there are **four** people that actually *do the saluting*, and as I said above the number **four** speaks of the advent of our Messiah, and finally the word *commend*, Strong's Number G4921 συνιστάω, συνιστάνω, συνίστημι, sunistaō sunistanō sunistēmi, *soon-is-tah'-o, soon-is-tah'-an'-o, soon-is-tah'-ay-mee*, **to stand with or stand by, or approve**, and it is used **once** and the number **One** in Scripture in this context speaks of our heavenly Father, and the one that is **commended** is Phoebe and the name Phoebe means *bright, pure, to shine, to make manifest*. Next I see that there are thirty three (33) different people and or people groups that are to be **saluted** in this chapter, the number **thirty three** speaks of the completed work of our Messiah, for He was thirty three and a half years old when He was crucified and said from the cross, **it is finished**. There are also **eight** people that **salute**, and the number **eight** in Scripture speaks of new beginnings.

So if we take all these facts and put them together, we have the **advent** (4) or the coming of our Messiah, who came to earth to redeem mankind because of His great love for us. He in turn died on the cross as a sacrifice for the **SINS** that **WE** committed and was later **resurrected** on the **seventeenth** day of the month. He rose from the dead, as will all those that believe in Him and walk in His ways. He came as the Perfect **Light** of the Father, because He is the Living Torah, He came to **manifest** our heavenly Father's love for us, through His **perfect way of governing** the earth, which **IS** with and by our heavenly Father's Grace, which is synonymous with His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. Messiah walked this earth for thirty three plus years and taught us that we could have a **new beginning** (8) by surrendering our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father and being born again or regenerated as new creatures, born again in the image of our heavenly Father, and obeying His Directives for everlasting Life.

That is the message of the whole book of Romans, the message that Elohim's Grace, His Living Torah, the Torah made flesh, our sacrificial Lamb, has redeemed us from eternal damnation. The Greek words used tell us the same thing, the name **Phoebe**, means, *to shine, to manifest*, the word

**commend**, sunistemi, Strong's Number G4921 means, *to stand by, to make manifest*, the words *greet* and *salute*, aspazomai, is Strong's number G782 and it means, *to enfold in the arms*.

Now let us put all of these meanings and or definitions of these words together and see the message that is contained therein. Our gracious loving Father manifested Himself to us through His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, and **IF** we will willingly and lovingly surrender our lives to Him, He will *enfold us in His arms* and never ever let us go, He will never leave us nor forsake us. Again I say this is the message of the book of Romans, and **IT IS POSSIBLE** for everyone to achieve this lofty goal by simply **surrendering** one's heart, mind, soul and strength in loving obedience to Elohim's Grace, His Love filled Torah.

*I commend unto you, or please salute, or please greet:*

**Phoebe:** Bright, pure, to shine  
**Priscilla:** diminutive, small  
**Aquila:** eagle  
**Epaenetus:** praised  
**Mary:** rebellious  
**Andronicus:** conqueror of men  
**Junia:** just  
**Amplias:** enlarged  
**Urbane:** of the city  
**Stachys:** head of grain  
**Apelles:** free  
**Aristobulus:** best advice  
**Herodion:** heroic  
**Narcissus:** stupefying as a narcotic

**Tryphena:** luxurious  
**Tryphosa:** luxuriating  
**Persis:** from Persia  
**Rufus:** red  
**Asyncritus:** not to combine ideas, no mixture  
**Phlegon:** blazing  
**Hermas:** gain, refuge  
**Patrobas:** follows in father's footsteps  
**Hermes:** Son of Zeus & Maia  
**Philologus:** fond of words  
**Julia:** hairy, downy, soft  
**Nereus:** wet  
**Olympas:** heaven descended

Using the definition of these words, I have strung together what I believe YHVH is telling us through these names.

The **Light** of the world came down to earth, to be with his **lowly** created beings, and because of His sacrifice we can now soar as the **eagle** when we learn to willingly and lovingly surrender our wills to our heavenly Father's will in complete loving surrendered obedience to YHVH's Living Torah made flesh, as our Messiah, the **Just** One, did and taught us to do. We must learn to **praise** and worship YHVH and turn from our **rebellious** ways, for He sacrificed His life to **conquer** our hearts. He is **just**, and through obedience to His Torah we can **enlarge** His territory to **all the cities** of the world, and show them His **seed**, His Living Word, that has **freed** us from bondage to our past sinful lives, and has given us **advice** and **instructions** on how we are to live, so that we can act **heroically** to actually save others from eternal damnation for the kingdom of Elohim, and let them feel, experience and be **intoxicated** with the great peace that comes from surrendering one's heart to Elohim, let them feel the **luxurious splendour** and **majesty** of His presence. Through the life that Messiah lead and the shedding of His **blood**, He taught us that there is only one way to the Father and that we are **not to mix** any of man's ways with YHVH's Ways, we are **NOT** to mix YHVH's pure Doctrine with any man made doctrines and their man made **god's**, we are **NOT** to listen to men that would woo us with a multitude of **soft and empty words**, and their endless man made theologies and philosophies, which are like **broken ewers** that cannot hold **water**, because they **DO NOT** understand nor believe that **it is heaven itself**, in the form of Messiah that **descended** to earth, as our Master and Saviour, to die on the cross in order to save all those who would willingly and lovingly eventually turn to Messiah and

follow in His Torah obedient footsteps of complete surrender to our heavenly Father and His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah.

Next we read about those who did the saluting of the saints were:

<b>Timotheus:</b>	Dear to Elohim	<b>Tertius:</b>	Third
<b>Lucius:</b>	Illuminative	<b>Gaius:</b>	Rejoice
<b>Jason:</b>	About to cure	<b>Erastus:</b>	Beloved
<b>Sosipater:</b>	A safe or protective father	<b>Quartus:</b>	Fourth

Again I have strung together what I believe YHVH is telling us through the names of those that did the saluting of the saints.

Those that have learned to Shemah to the Word of YHVH, that is those that have **heard, listened, understood, believed, obeyed, followed and DID** the Word of Elohim and also taught others to do so, are very **dear** to our heavenly Father, and He will continually **reveal** what is hidden in His Truth, His Torah, to them. He will **heal** them from all of their past sins and **guard and protect** them as a loving Father that He is. It was on the **third** day that our Messiah rose from the dead and because **OF IT**, we can **rejoice** and be glad, for He is risen, our **beloved** Yeshua Has risen from the dead, and come forth from the grave to show us that we too will experience the very same thing when the time comes, **IF WE WILL** only learn **NOW**, to walk as **Messiah** walked, in complete loving surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. Amen

In *verses 16-18* it says, *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and cause offences contrary to the DOCTRINE which you have learned; and avoid them.*

Before we can go any further we have to understand what **DOCTRINE** Paul is talking about here in this verses.

In *1Corinthians 3:11* Paul said, *For no other foundation (doctrine) can any man lay than what is already laid, which is Yeshua Messiah, the Living Torah.*

*1Corinthians 11:1* *Be you followers of me, even as I Paul, am also a follower of Messiah.*

In *2 John 9*, John says, *Whosoever transgresses, and abides NOT in the DOCTRINE of Messiah, does NOT have Elohim. He that abides in the DOCTRINE of Messiah, (he that DOES NOT transgress the Torah) he has both the Father and the Son.* Since the only way, according to John, that we can have the Father and the Son dwell in us, **IS BY ABIDING IN THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH, IT IS** therefore of monumental importance that we **KNOW** what the **DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH IS**. Therefore I ask you, **DO YOU KNOW WHAT the DOCTRINE of Messiah IS?** Before I answer that question I want to show you something else that I see in *verse 9 of 2John*.

First let us go to *1John 3:4* where we are told that **SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE TORAH**, *1John 3:4* *Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the Torah (Law): for SIN IS the TRANSGRESSION OF THE TORAH (Law).*

Therefore when John says the words, *Whosoever transgresses*, in the letter of *2John verse 9*, he is saying that whosoever **transgresses the Torah**, YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **DOES NOT** abide in Messiah. How many people today in the houses of Elohim believe that they are abiding in Messiah, **BUT ACTUALLY REJECT HIS TORAH, AND THE DEFINITION OF REJECTING YHVH'S TORAH, IS IN ACTUAL FACT, TRANSGRESSING**

**HIS TORAH**, YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions? These are **NOT MY WORDS** my friends, they are the inspired words of John, where he says **Whosoever TRANSGRESSES, and ABIDES NOT in the DOCTRINE of MESSIAH, HAS NOT ELOHIM.**

Now let us continue and search out the Scriptures to see what the Scriptures tell us **IS THE DOCTRINE of MESSIAH**. In *John 7:16* we are told what the **DOCTRINE of Messiah IS**. *Yeshua answered them, and said, My DOCTRINE (DOCTRINE of Messiah) IS NOT My own, BUT IT IS THE DOCTRINE of Him that sent Me.*

**IT IS** very obvious therefore that Messiah's **DOCTRINE IS** the Father's **DOCTRINE** for **IT IS** indeed our heavenly Father that sent Messiah, the Living Torah to be our Master and Saviour, therefore the **DOCTRINE of MESSIAH IS THE TORAH of our heavenly Father.**

Now that we have established what the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah **IS**, let us go on. In *John 1:1* it says, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim and the Word was Elohim.* And in *verse 14* it says, *and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

Now keeping that in mind as we move forward through these verse in *Romans 16*, Paul says that **NO OTHER DOCTRINE IS** acceptable other than the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah, and the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah **IS** the **TORAH OF THE FATHER.**

Next Paul tells us that **IF** someone teaches any other **DOCTRINE**, other than Messiah's **DOCTRINE**, which we have just **ESTABLISHED IS** the Father's **DOCTRINE**, and the Father's **DOCTRINE IS HIS TORAH**, given to Moses at Mount Sinai, (*Proverbs 4:2 For I give you good DOCTRINE, forsake you NOT My Torah, Law*). **THEREFORE, IF** someone teaches that the Torah of the Father **IS SOMEHOW CHANGED OR PARTLY DONE AWAY WITH, OR ABOLISHED, AND OR COMPLETELY DONE AWAY WITH, THEN** Paul says, in *verse 18* **THEY THAT ARE SUCH, SERVE NOT** our Adonai Yeshua Messiah, **BUT their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches DECEIVE the hearts of the simple.** *19 For your OBEDIENCE is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which IS GOOD, which IS the Torah of the Father, and simple, or not knowing or not associating with any evil.*

Paul's message **IS VERY CLEAR** and very simple my friends, **BELIEVE** what the Father has said through His Son, the Living Torah, who took on flesh and came to earth to speak exactly what **ALL** of the Father's prophets spoke and taught, and that is, Shemah Israel, **hear, listen, understand, believe, obey, follow, DO, keep and guard** YHVH's Life Giving Torah, the Life Giving inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father.

The book of *Romans IS* a teaching on how **ALL** believers are to surrender their soul in complete obedience to our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Life Giving Torah. We simply have to recognize and understand that YHVH's Torah **IS INERRANT UNCHANGING, AND EVERLASTING**, and that **IT IS** the **GRACE** of Elohim in Action. Amen.

Now I leave you with the same thoughts that Paul did to these Roman believers. *Now to Him that is of power, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, TO ESTABLISH YOU according to my gospel (given to me by the Living Torah made flesh) and the preaching of Yeshua Messiah, who is the Living Torah,*

*according to the revelation of the mystery which has been **KEPT SECRETE** since the world began, 26 **BUT NOW IS MADE MANIFEST**, and by the Hebraic Scriptures of the prophets, and according to the Commandment of the eternal everlasting Elohim, is **NOW MADE KNOWN UNTO ALL** the nations for the obedience of belief, faith: Obedience to what? Obedience to YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah.<sup>27</sup> to the **ONLY WISE ELOHIM**, through Yeshua Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, to whom be the glory for ever. **MAY WE ALL**, Like Paul, learn to fully surrender our wills to YHVH's Will in complete loving surrendered obedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life made **FLESH**, our Messiah. *Amein.**

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. *Amein**