

## Greetings

### Romans 16:1-20

#### Review:

1. Even though Paul had never been to Rome, he knew many of the Christians there because he and many other people did a lot of travelling throughout the Roman Empire
2. Paul had a very high view of women and the gifts they can use in the service of God and others.
3. The Roman church was very diverse, with members who
  - a. Were both Jew and Gentile
  - b. Were both Slave and Free
  - c. Had different levels of spiritual experience and knowledge
  - d. Came from all over the Empire
4. The Roman Christians were able to create community out of such diversity because they were all in the Lord, part of the One Body of Christ and possessed of the same Holy Spirit

#### Go Further: Read about Priscilla and Aquila in Acts 18

1. In verse 1, where did Paul meet Aquila and Priscilla?
2. Aquila was born in Pontus, a region on the north coast of what is now Turkey. But from where did he and Priscilla move to Corinth?
3. It is likely that Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome because of the introduction of Christianity into the city and thus the upheaval the new teaching would have caused in the synagogues there. What did this Imperial edict force Priscilla and Aquila to do?
4. In verse 3, why did Paul stay with this couple?
5. What did Paul do in verses 4 and 5 while he was staying with them? What effect did this teaching have on the Corinthian Jews in verse 6?
6. Where did Paul set up his new place of teaching and worship? What was so important about his accepting the hospitality of Justus, a Gentile?
7. Why is the conversion of Crispus so important?
8. How long did Paul stay in Corinth, doing ministry there?
9. In verse 18, when Paul left Syria, where was he heading and who went with him?
10. In verse 19, where did Paul leave Priscilla and Aquila?
11. Apollos comes to Ephesus in verse 24. Where was he from, and what were his credentials?
12. In what sort of ministry does he engage? What are the limitations on his knowledge?
13. How did Aquila and Priscilla help him? How did they avoid embarrassment for him while providing this help?
14. Verse 28 summarizes Apollos' ministry. How did he prove to his listeners that Jesus was the Messiah?

#### Application:

1. How might God be leading you to go outside your comfort zones to minister to those who come from different generations or cultures?
2. In what ways could you spread the good news of God's Word during your daily life and work?
3. How can we encourage and help those who are engaged in the Ministry of the Word?