



Romans 16:17-27

Dividers, Deceivers, & The Eternal Glory of God | Nov. 30th - Dec. 6th, 2014

Warm-up: On Sunday, Seth shared about the importance of developing a tough outer shell, but a soft inner core (see Matthew 10:16). Why is this important? Please share from personal experience if you can.

- Read **Romans 16:17-20** aloud. In the midst of a chapter filled with love and greetings, Paul offers an important warning to “**watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people’s faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught.**” - **Romans 16:17 NLT**
 - According to the passage, what motivated these people?
 - In your estimation, when people drift from truth today what seems to be *their* motivation?
- What does Paul mean when he expresses his desire that the Roman believers be “**wise in doing right**” but to “**stay innocent of any wrong**” (**v.19**)?
 - How would you specifically seek to apply this in your own life at this time in your life?
- Who secures our victory against dividers and deceivers (see **v.20**)?
 - Why might obedience and holiness serve as a safeguard against dividers and deceivers?
- Read **Romans 16:21-27** aloud. There are a total of 36 names given in this chapter, reminding us that God’s Kingdom advances through everyday people like us. It’s important to remember that Paul’s co-workers faced the same fears, testings, limitations and insecurities that we do. Yet they moved forward to build God’s Church.
 - How do you feel *limited* in life right now? Pray for one another for the faith and Spirit’s empowerment to get going in doing what God has called you to, despite whatever limit you are experiencing.
- Which of Seth’s closing action points speaks most to you, and why? → 1. *Always remember the big picture (v.17-20)* 2. *Be wise in the truth, and innocent of evil.* 3. (**v.19**) 3. *Let obedience and Holiness be your safeguard (v.19)* 4. *Read Romans Regularly!*

Wrap-up: Share some of the main things you’ve gleaned through this study in the Book of Romans. Exalt God as you close in prayer for his *Saving Grace & Living Grace!*