**ROMANS 16**

1 Phoebe is a deaconess, servant, minister of the church

2 Accept her as any brother, assist her, meet her needs

 She has helped many others, including Paul

3 Priscilla and Aquila

 Acts 18:24-28 Taught Apollos

 Kicked out of Rome

 Came to Corinth

 NOTE: The Roman letter is written from Corinth

4 Church that is in their house

 NOTE: Many house churches in Rome

 1] Aquila - 5

 2] Aristobulus - 10

 3] Narcissus - 11

 4] Hermes - 14

 5] Olympas - 15

 NOTE: 28 people are greeted by name. Peter is NOT among this list. He mentions those of note among the apostles (7). He greets 5 house churches.

16 Salute = greet, accept, receive

 Holy kiss = custom of greeting - USA, shake hands

 Japan, bow Russia - kiss on each cheek

 Churches of Christ salute you

 A. Is this the name of the church?

 B. What are some other titles of the church?

 NOTE: This letter is written from Corinth.

 From Corinth he sends greetings from the churches of Christ. To Corinth he addresses the church of God (I Cor. 1:2)

 Neither of these terms was meant to be "the title" of the church. They are descriptive terms. Remember, there were not many churches that needed to be distinguished from each other.

17 Mark - those who cause division among you

 Offenses contrary to the doctrine

 Avoid them - See 2 Thess. 3:6-15

18 HERE IS THEIR TRUE NATURE:

 1. Serve not the Lord Jesus Christ

 2. Serve their own bellies (fleshly desires)

 3. Use good words and fair speeches

 4. Deceive hearts of simple

 Simple <> dumb, stupid, ignorant

 Simple = open, accepting, not suspicious

19 There is thin line to walk

 A. Be wise to what is good.

 B. Be simple (not suspicious) concerning evil.

20 God will take care of Satan.

 See Genesis 3:15

22 Tertius - wrote (was the scribe) for Paul

 This does not mean that Tertius wrote (was the author) of this letter.

 The source - God

 The author - Paul

 The scribe - Tertius

25 Closing prayer --

 God is:

 Power

 Able to establish you

 Reveal the mystery

26 Make manifest

 Scriptures

 Prophets

 Commandments

 Make known to all men

 Lead to obedience of faith (see 1:5)

27 God - only wise = All wise, no part is unwise

 See 1 Tim. 6:16 "Only hath immortality"