

Paul's Epistle to the Romans

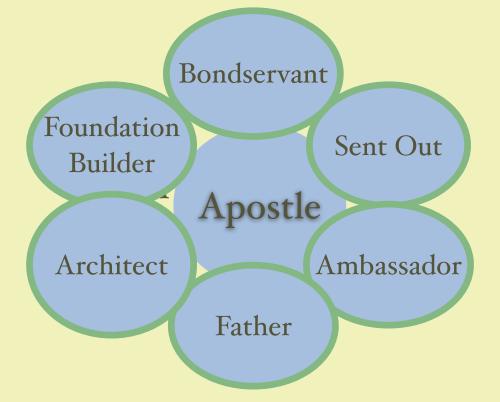
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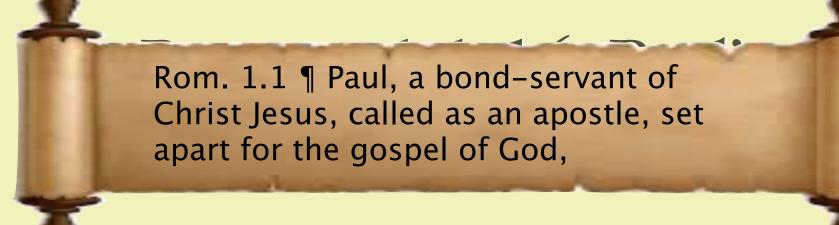
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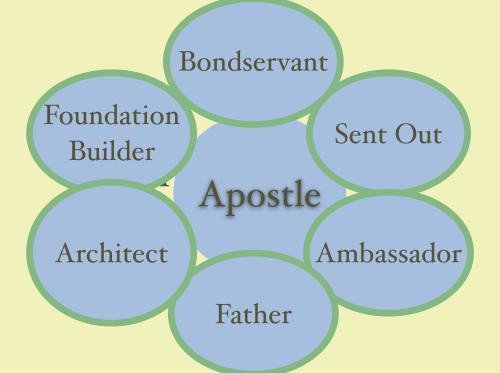




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- Rom. 1.5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake
- 3. Paul introduces himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ Rom 1.5 v.5 "grace" here includes more than the unmerited love of God
 - v. 5 "apostleship" Paul is a gift given by the Lord to the whole church to lay the foundation of Jesus Christ and build upon it even in Rome
 - v.5 Paul both begins his letter and ends it (Rom.16.26) with this unusual term "the obedience of faith"
 - v.5 Paul acknowledges that his apostleship brings this about especially among Gentiles

- Rom. 1.2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures
- Rom. 1.3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh
- Rom. 1.4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord
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 - 2. Who is the Gospel v. 2-4
 - v.2 gospel promised by OT prophets
 - 3. He was a Man God's Son who became a human descendant of King David
 - 4. He was God: Declared "Son of God" forever in earth and Heaven by His powerful human resurrection accomplished by the Holy Spirit

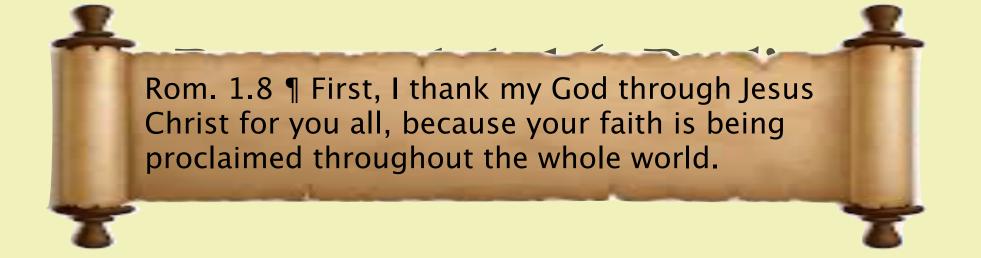
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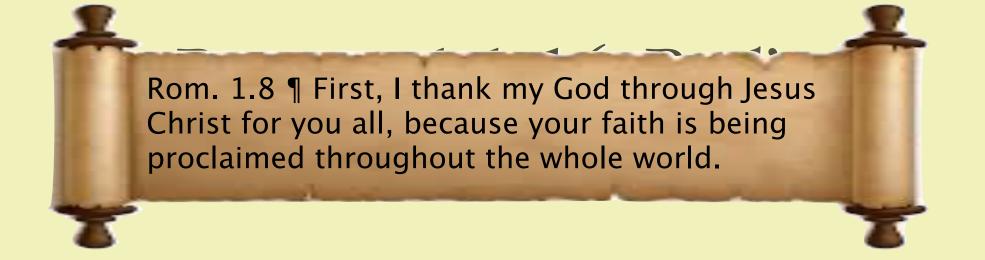
Rom. 1.5b-6 ...among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

Rom. 1.7 \P to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

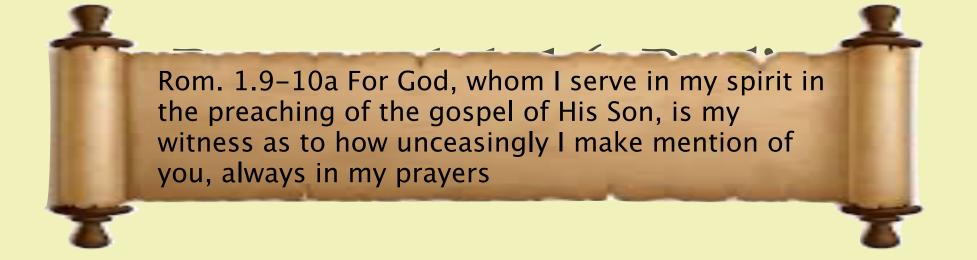
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 - v.6 "Called of Jesus Christ"
 - v.7 "beloved of God"
 - v.7 now called "holy, set apart ones"
 - 6. grace and peace Greetings

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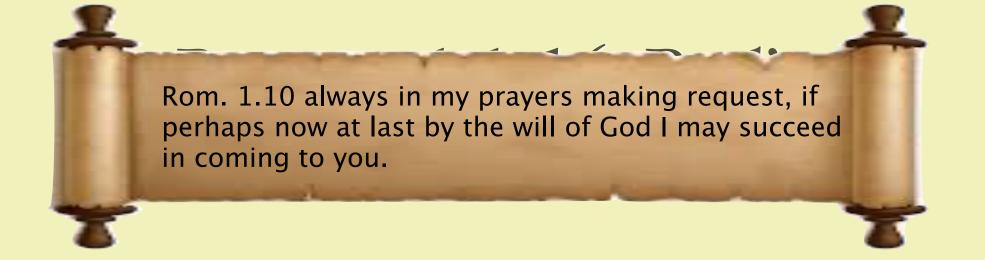


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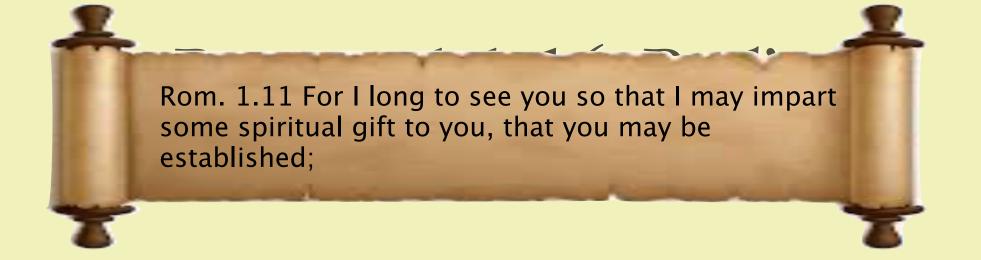
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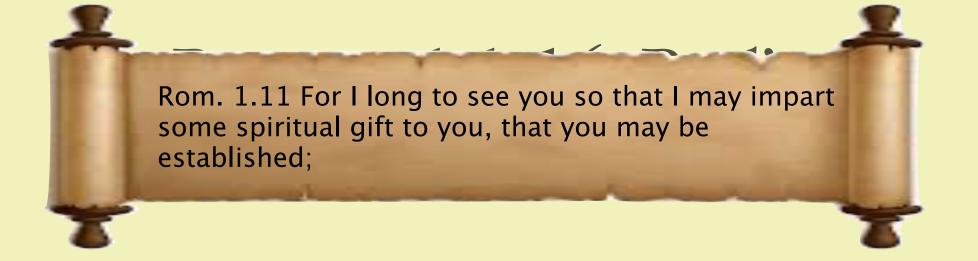


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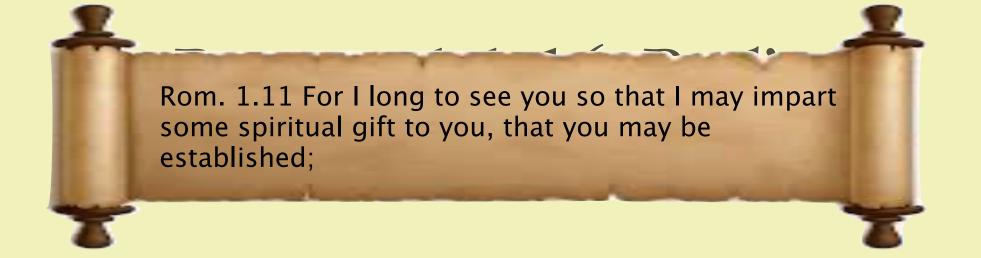
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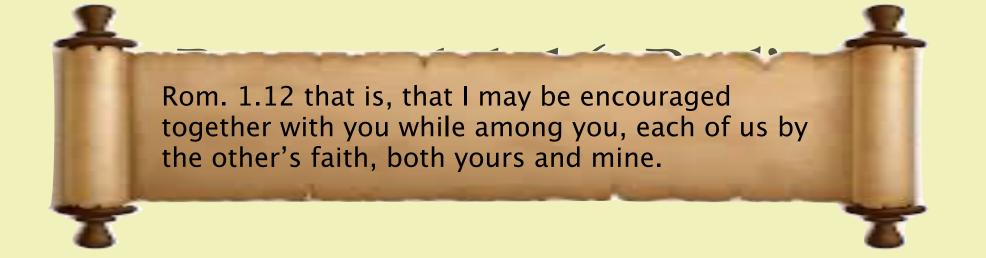
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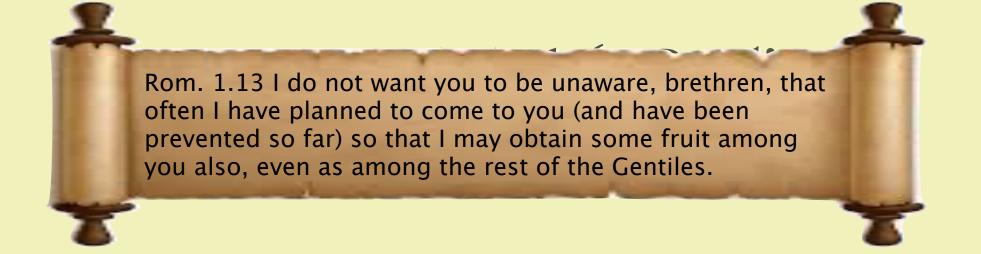
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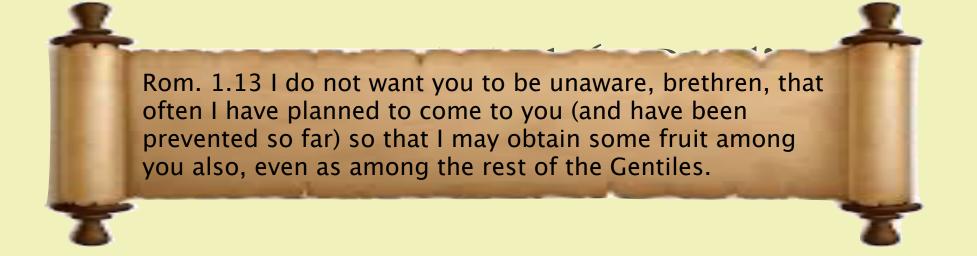
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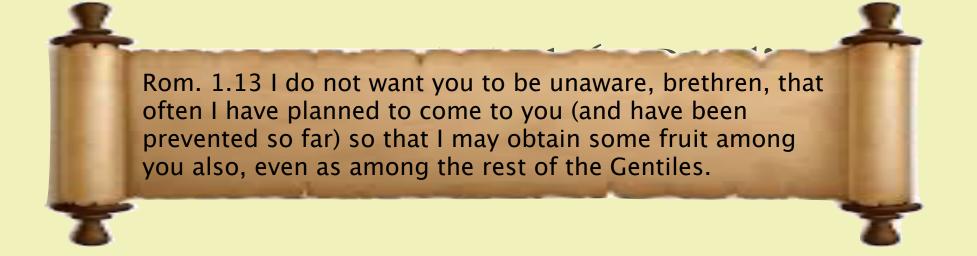
v.12 Paul does not want to seem overbearing so restates their meeting as a time of "coming alongside one another" as faith builds faith in each other

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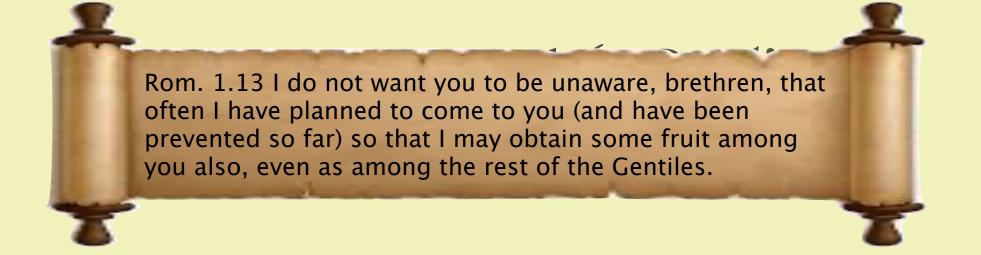


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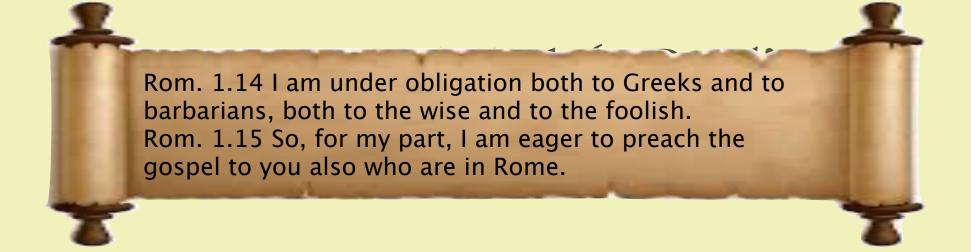
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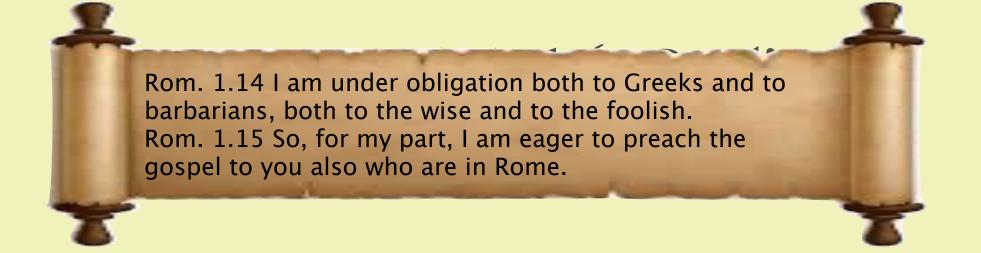


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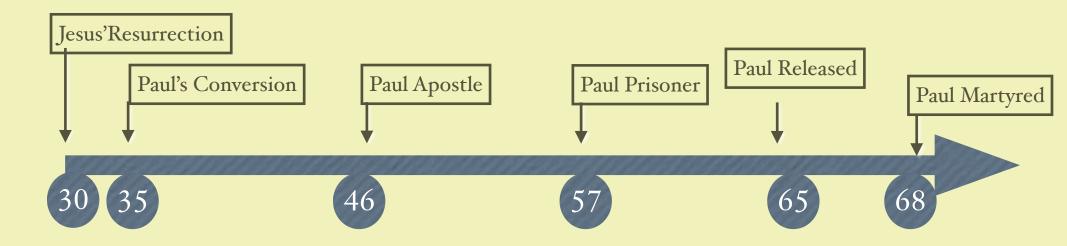
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v.15 that's why Paul eagerly looks forward to preaching the gospel also in Rome

Romans - Paul's Life in Christ



- Paul's Christian life began with his miraculous conversion in about 33AD and progressed through 3 phases each lasting about 11 years:
 - 35-46 AD saved and in the 'school of Christ' mainly in Tarsus
 - 46-57 AD called and served as an apostle building the church
 - 57-68 AD years spent mostly in prisons in Caesarea and Rome with a final brief release and ministry before re-capture and martyrdom

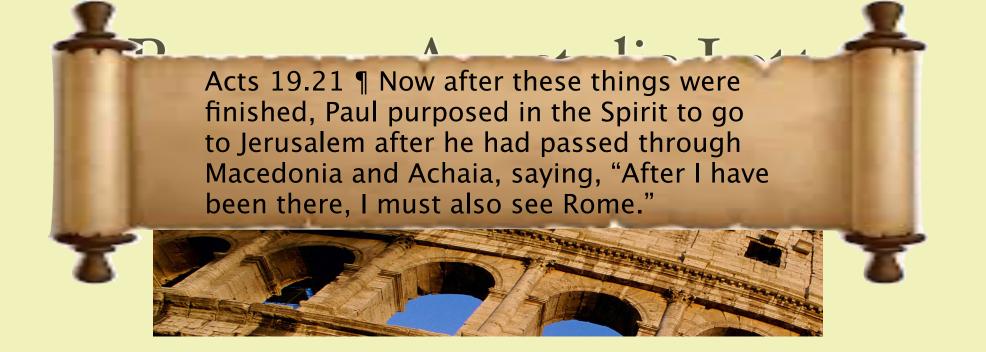
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 - Paul's plans would be overruled when he was imprisoned while in Jerusalem and never got to visit the church in Rome as a free man but only as a "prisoner of the Lord"

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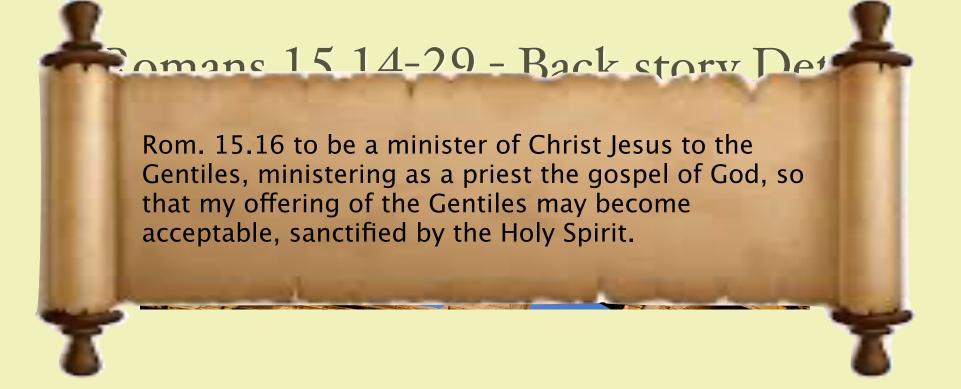


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Rom. 15.14 ¶ And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

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 - v. 25-29 Paul shares of his present ministry taking the collection from the Gentile churches to the Jews in Jerusalem as a testimony of the unity of the Body of Christ

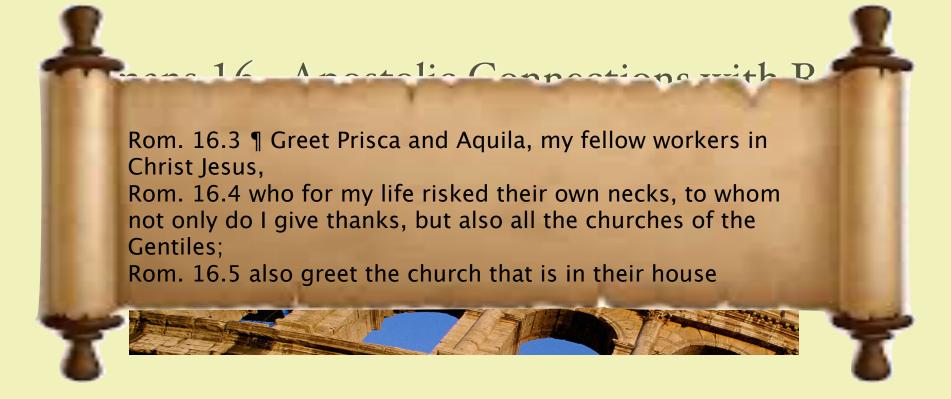
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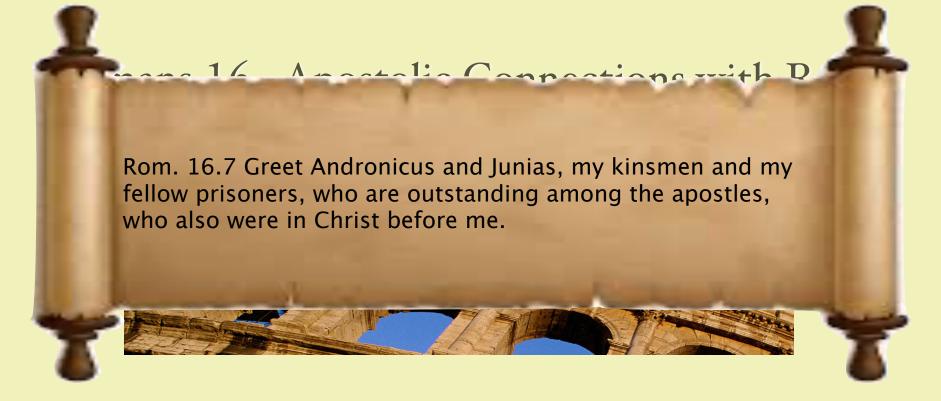
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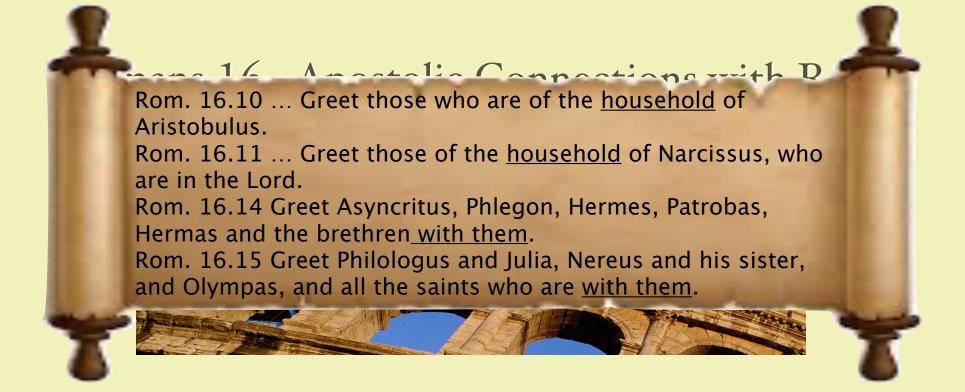
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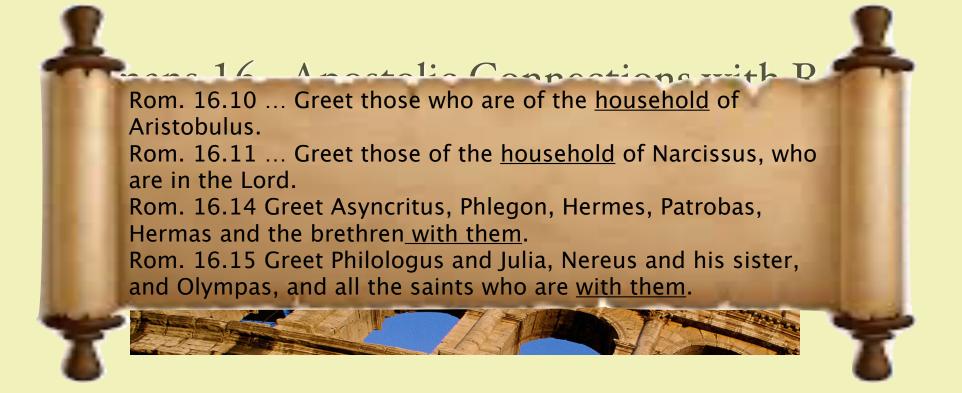
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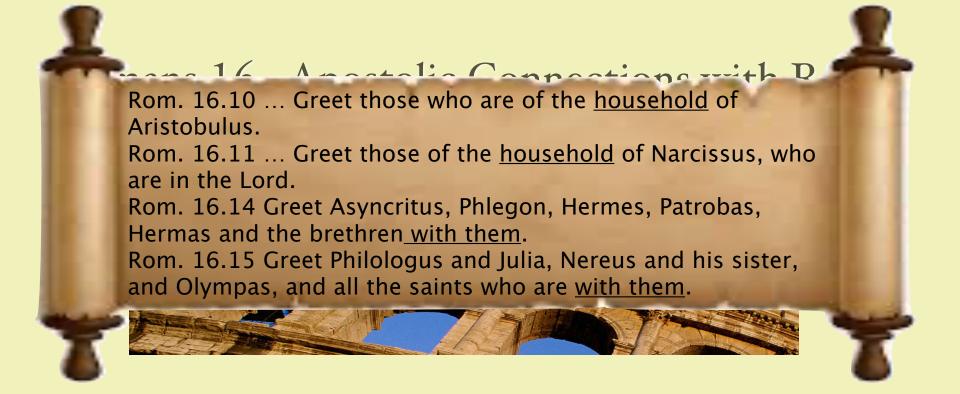
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- These contacts provided a thorough knowledge of the spiritual condition of the church and its leaders and ministers to whom he now writes

Romans: Burden of Teaching



- Three overall burdens are behind Paul's epistle to the Romans
 - 1. The joining of both Jews and Greeks in one church necessitated defining their salvation "in Christ" in ways transcending both their former Jewish religion and the Gentile's Graeco-Roman culture
 - 2.Paul used the sharp two-edged sword of the Living Word to separate "soul and spirit" and reveal the deepest spiritual way of holiness as the work of the cross nullifies sinful flesh and builds the inner spirit life
 - 3. The "mystery" of why the Jews had rejected their Messiah while the Gentiles so abundantly accepted Him will be explained as a part of God's larger predestined plan in Romans 9-11

Romans - Paul's Thesis

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- The Gospel's Truth and Power Rom 1.16
 - Not ashamed
 - Power of God
 - Salvation
 - Everyone who believes

- The Gospel reveals the Righteousness of God Rom1.17
 - The righteousness of God cannot be known apart from revelation
 - An 'instinctive' righteousness is known in every man's heart (conscience) 2.14-15

- The Gospel reveals the Righteousness of God Rom1.17
 - The righteousness of God is defined by the *essence* of God
 - God is Righteous
 - God is Love
 - God is Holy
 - God is _____

- The Gospel reveals the Righteousness of God Rom1.17
 - The gospel reveals God's righteousness from the OT
 - God in Himself alone is all Right
 - God in Himself is always Right
 - God in Himself alone always does things Right
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 - The gospel reveals God's righteousness from faith to faith
 - faith to faith
 - Hab. 2.4 "But the righteous man shall live by faith"



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- next time: Rom 1.18-32
- Righteousness revealed in wrath