

## **“WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM PAUL’S FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON SEPARATION?” Pt. 1**

(Romans 16:17-20)

- A. Some General Observations about this Chapter (16:1-23)**
- B. The Special Commendation of Phoebe (16:1-2)**
- C. A Plethora of Greetings to Various Christians in Rome (16:3-16)**
- D. A Warning Concerning Those Who Cause Divisions (16:17-20)**

1. The Lord commands believers to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Gk. *skopeo*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Gk. *ekklino*) those who teach contrary doctrine. (v. 17)

\* Are we to actually name names?

\* How often are you to do this?

### 2. Separation is Based on God’s Holiness

- a. Biblically the word “*holy*” in the Hebrew Old Testament (*qodesh*) and Greek New Testament (*hagios*) means to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ *from* something or *to* something. (Ezek. 22:26-27; 2 Tim. 3:15-16)
  
- b. When the Bible speaks of God’s holiness, it means that He is not only \_\_\_\_\_, but that He is also completely \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 15:11; 1 Sam. 2:2; Isa. 40:25; 57:15; Hos. 11:9)
  
- c. God’s holiness is His primary characteristic, since it is the most \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture (Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8), and because all of His other attributes \_\_\_\_\_ towards it.

3. The Believer's Individual Separation unto the Lord

a. Every person born into the human race starts out life \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen. 2:17; 3:8-10; Isa. 59:2; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3; John 5:19)

b. Every person who \_\_\_\_\_ in the vicarious \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ is eternally  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God. (Rom. 5:6-10; Col. 1:20-22)

c. Individually, all true believers in Christ are called "\_\_\_\_\_" because we have been  
positionally \_\_\_\_\_ unto God \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 1:2, 6:19-20)

4. The issue of separation should be based on \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ issues.  
(v. 17)

\* What doctrines had these Christians in Rome just learned?

5. From God's perspective, false teachers \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 18, cf. 2 Pet. 2:1-2; 1 John  
2:18; 2 John 1:7; Jude 1:3-4, 17-19)

6. The Holy Spirit's command to note and avoid false teachers is for \_\_\_\_\_ believers. (v. 17)

\* How can you personally apply this truth today?