

“WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM PAUL’S FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON SEPARATION?” Pt. 2

(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)

2. The issue of separation should be based on _____, not _____ issues. (v. 17)

3. 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)

4. These false teachers are _____-_____, and the _____ they employ are “*smooth words and flattering speech.*” (v. 18, cf. 2 Tim. 4:2-5)

5. The reasons why Christians must follow the Lord’s command to separate from those who teach contrary doctrine is because...
 - a. ...the spiritual _____ of Christ’s body is at stake. (v. 17) “...*cause divisions*”

b. ...it is necessary for your own spiritual _____. (v. 18) “...*deceive the hearts of the simple*”

c. ...it is a matter of _____ to the Lord. (v. 19a) “*your obedience has become known to all*”

6. Paul’s desire was that these saints in Rome would remain “_____ *in what was good,*” and _____ and _____ when it came to things that were evil. (v. 19b)

* Wouldn’t we be unloving if we practiced this kind of separation?

* Isn’t practicing separation judgmental and legalistic?

7. The apostle anticipated the day when all of the _____ and their doctrine (which are under the devil’s influence) will be _____; and that will take place when the Lord Jesus will “*crush Satan.*” (v. 20, cf. Gen. 3:15; Rev. 20:1-6, 10)

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?