The Grand Finale Romans 16

A Family Photo 16:1–16

- The boundless grace of God transcends what could otherwise divide Christians.
- As Paul acknowledges the contributions and gifts of the believers in Rome, he demonstrates his own commitment to love the body of Christ.
- Paul's familial and affectionate language is dripping with emotion for those in Rome.
- This list of names gives a glimpse into a stunning legacy of faith.
- Paul sees members of the body as indispensable allies to one another.

Regard your siblings in Christ as	
relying on and encouraging one another.	

Final Words 16:17–24

- Paul knows the church will have to continually fight for unity.
- Roman Christians need discernment concerning those who are stirring up division.
- The Lord will crush Satan; they can trust in the justice and vengeance of the Lord.
- Christians must remember their true enemy is Satan, not each other.
- The unlikely, the misfit, the powerful; the powerless are all adopted into the family of God by His divine grace.

Fight for _____ instead of fighting one another as you trust in the character of God.

An Echo of Praise 16:25–27

- The Lord strengthens the saints to persevere, to be unified, and to discern truth from error.
- The gospel revealed to Jews and Gentiles alike is for their *obedience* of faith—not argument, intellect, or pride.
- Paul reiterates God is the only true and wise God, deserving of praise and glory forever!

the be	eauty, truth,	and wisdom	of the
one true God to whom	you belong–	–forever and	ever!

Key: indispensable allies, unity, Remember

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GENESIS 3:1-5 "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

MATTHEW 10:16, "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

ROMANS 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."