

**Paul's Final Farewell –**  
***A Warning And Encouragement***  
**Romans 16: 17-27**

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**Verse 17 - 18**

**A Warning**

Watch for people who are bringing in false doctrine (*teaching*), which leads to sinful lifestyles

In 1 Timothy 4: 1, these are called “*deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons*”

Paul is passionate about noting and dealing with false teaching

# Galatians

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

**1:6-9**



To the Elders at Ephesus - [Acts 20: 29-31](#)

**Deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons feed on the Biblically illiterate**

**Satan's strategy includes the removal of the Word of God from pulpits, Churches and seminaries**

# Hermeneutics

The study of the general principles of biblical interpretation.

- **Literal** (plain meaning)
- **Moral** (ethical lessons)
- **Allegorical** (second, or hidden meaning)
- **Anagogical** or **mystical** (looking at life to come).



James 4: 7-8 – *“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”*

KEYWORDS:

Submit . . .

Resist . . .

Draw near!

Verse 19 - 20

**Encouragement – *Your loyalty is noticed***

# Obedience to God demonstrates loyalty!

Talking is one thing, doing is another

## What is good?

*Good is always based on the will of God  
To know His Word, and walk in truth*

## A promise from God to Satan:

Jesus, the head crusher, will crush Satan's  
head - [Genesis 3: 15](#)

**Verse 21 - 24**

**More on Paul's Wall of Faith**

**All significant people in the life of Paul, all on his wall of faith, all whom he fondly remembers**

**Demas deserted, Phygellus and Hermogenes, those in Asia, deserted**

**Many start well in Christianity and fizzle – simply drift away**

**They were drawn away and enticed by the world, the flesh and the devil**

**The successful Christian life does not depend on feelings; it depends on obedience!**

## Do Not Depend on Feelings

The promise of God's Word, the Bible—not our feelings—is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the relationship among **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feeling** (the result of our faith and obedience). (Read John 14:21.)



The train will run with or without the caboose. How-

ever, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, as Christians we do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

**Verse 25 - 27**

**Paul's Benediction**

Paul's focal point is "HIM" - "*who is able to establish you*"

Establish = *Strong, steadfast, solid*

Christ started the work and He will finish the work -

Philippians 1: 6

Hebrews 12: 2

Jude 24

There are many mysteries mentioned in the New Testament, that are not mentioned in the Old Testament

Romans 16 is the mystery of Jew and Gentile in one body under Messiah - Ephesians 2: 14-15

Closing:

**The Ultimate Encouragement – *HIM!***

The focus of Paul's life was "HIM" – the Lord Jesus Christ!  
Hopefully yours also!

The Book of Romans reveals the heart of God - the Gospel, the Good News that God has provided mankind the path to be in right standing with the Holy God

Hopefully, the focus of all our lives will be on "HIM" – that we come to know "HIM"!

Jesus is real, is alive, and is coming back soon to deal with evil for good, **to establish His kingdom!**

**Two questions I will leave you with concerning Jesus:**

**Who do men say, that I the Son of man am? – Matthew 16: 13**

**What will you do with Jesus who is called the Christ?  
(Pilate's question to the crowd) – Matthew 27: 22**

**What about you?**

**Your timeline is fixed, you will die one day**

**You will stand before the King of the universe one day and  
give an account of your life**

*I would urge you not to put this off!*

**Jim Elliott, a missionary killed by the Auca Indians in New Guinea:**

*“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep  
to gain what he cannot lose.”*

# Before they died



Muhammad said:  
I don't know  
the purpose of life.



Buddha said:  
Seek for the truth.



Confucius said:  
I am not the way.



But Jesus said:  
I am the way, the truth, and  
the life. No one comes to the  
Father except through me.

Jesus is the only one who rose  
from the dead. The other three  
are still in their grave.

*Jesus is Credible!*

**CHOOSE CHRIST!**

**CHOOSE LIFE!!**

*Choose Now!!*