

The Dimensions of a Greeting

Romans 16



friends

enemies

business associates

peers

RELATIONSHIP

politician

family

gender

IN THE LORD

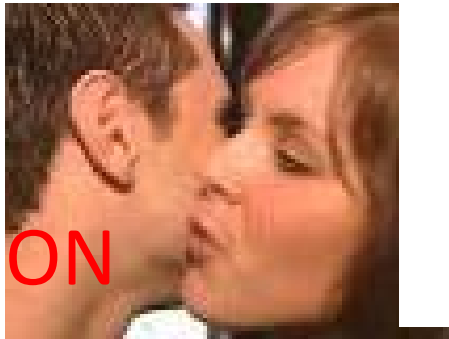
DESIGN

temperature

length

Relative posture

Intent



EXPRESSION

Receiving the Lord's servants

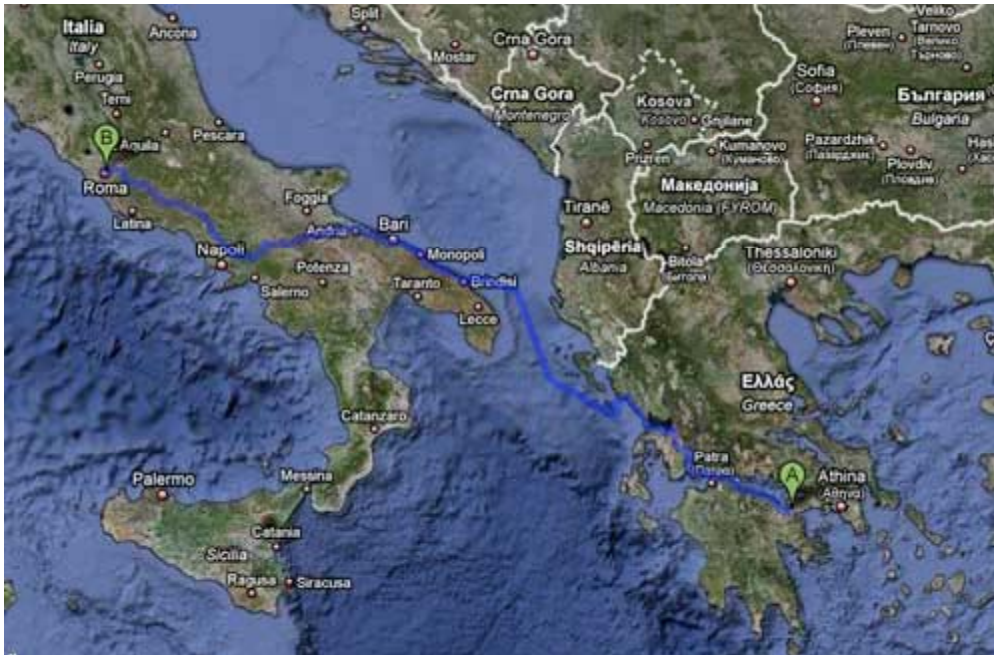
V 1-2

Phoebe

sister (v1)

servant

helper (v2)



Inclusion of the Lord's People

V 3-16

Prisca & Aquila (v3,4)

*fellow workers in Christ
risked their life for
Christ/Paul
all churches of the Gentiles
the church in their home*



Inclusion of the Lord's People (v 3-16)

- 1 ¶ I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, a servant of the church in Cenchrea.
- 2 I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, **including me**.
- 3 Greet **Priscilla** and **Aquila**, **my fellow workers in Christ Jesus**.
- 4 They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.
- 5 **Greet** also the church that meets at their house. Greet my **dear friend Epenetus**, who was the first **convert to Christ in the province of Asia**.
- 6 **Greet Mary**, who worked very hard for you.
- 7 Greet **Andronicus** and **Junias**, **my relatives who have been in prison with me**. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.
- 8 Greet **Ampliatius**, whom **I love in the Lord**.
- 9 **Greet Urbanus**, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend **Stachys**.
- 10 Greet **Apelles**, tested and approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the **household of Aristobulus**.
- 11 Greet **Herodion**, my relative. Greet those in the **household of Narcissus** who are in the Lord.
- 12 Greet **Tryphena** and **Tryphosa**, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet **my dear friend Persis**, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.
- 13 Greet **Rufus**, chosen in the Lord, **and his mother**, who has **been a mother to me, too**.
- 14 Greet **Asyncritus**, **Phlegon**, **Hermes**, **Patrobas**, **Hermas** and the brothers with them.
- 15 Greet **Philologus**, **Julia**, **Nereus** and his sister, and **Olympas** and all the saints with them.

Inclusion of the Lord's People (v 3-16)

Love in the Lord

Named individuals 27

Unnamed individuals 8

Households

Saints

Brothers and sisters

Gentiles and Jews

All



Inclusion of the Lord's People (v 3-16)

Greetings appropriate to the saints

Welcoming all in the Lord
Receiving into fellowship

Commendation of people for their spiritual gifts and efforts

Initiation of relationships in Christ

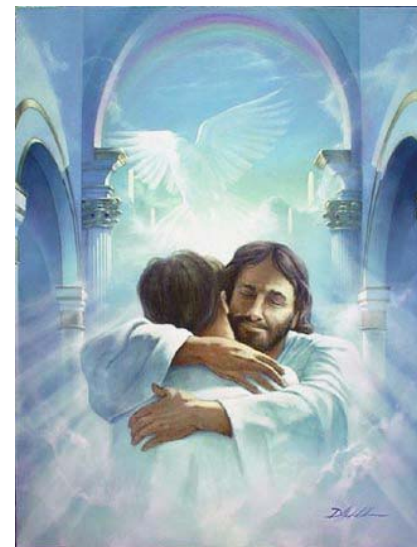
Recognition and approbation of Christian maturity

Representation of Christ to family

Selection of friends

Institution of leadership aligned with mission

Equalization of race and gender before God and subject to His purposes



Away from the Lord's Enemies

V 17-20

***Keep your eye on
Turn away from
Turn over to Christ***



Greetings from the Lord's People

V 21-23

Fellow worker Timothy

Relatives Lucius, Jason, Sosipater

Letter writer Tertius

Host Gaius

Director of public works, Erastus

Brother Quartus



To HIM be the Glory!

V 24-27

Who is grace
Who is able (to make righteous)
Who has revealed
through prophetic writing
Who is eternal
Who has commanded
Who desires all nations to com
in belief
in obedience
Who is the only wise

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

