



“Seasoned Greetings”

Merry Churchmas
I Corinthians 16:17-24

The church was meant to:

I. Refresh – “For they have refreshed” (vs. 17-18)

By being:

- A. Seen** – “the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and...”
- B. Suppliers** – “they have supplied”
- C. Spiritual** – “my spirit and yours”

II. Respect – “acknowledge them that are such” (vs. 18-19)

By recognizing:

- A. Cultures** – “the churches of Asia salute you”
- B. Coworkers** – “Aquila and Priscilla salute you”
- C. Congregations** – “the church that is in their house”

III. Receive – “let him be Anathema Maranatha” (vs. 20-24)

By:

- A. Acknowledgement** - “All the brethren greet you”
- B. Acceptance** – “Greet ye one another with an holy kiss”
- C. Affection** – “My love be with you all”

Sentence Sermon

“The Church was designed to be a faith that refreshes.”

Additional Verses

- **II Corinthians 13:12**
- **Romans 16:16**
- **I Peter 5:14**
- **Luke 7:45**
- **Matthew 7:21-23**
- **I Corinthians 1:2, 10**
- **Romans 16:3-5**
- **Romans 18:1-3**
- **II Corinthians 12:15**
- **Galatians 1:8-9**
- **Romans 9:3**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you describe what it means for someone to refresh you?
4. Who are some of the people who have refreshed your spirit in the past?
5. Why was it important for Paul to mention greetings from Asian churches?
6. What is the difference between a heartily greeting and a regular one?
7. What is the principle behind greeting with a holy kiss?
8. Why was it important for Paul to note that it was in his handwriting?
9. Is loving the Lord Jesus a requirement for salvation? Explain.
10. What lessons can we draw from this passage about relationships?