

COMMENDATIONS, GREETINGS,
HOLY KISSES AND
NECESSARY AVOIDANCE (Part II)
Romans 16:1-24

I. A Special Commendation for a Special Sister

Synístēmi - to indicate approval of a person or event, with the implication that others adopt the same attitude; to recommend

Adelphē - a close female associate of a group with well-defined membership; sister in Christ, sister in the faith

Diákonos - one who executes the commands of another, esp. of a master, a servant, attendant, minister; the servant of a king

Romans 13:4

Mark 9:35

1 Timothy 3:10-11

Prágma - an activity involving a measure of complexity and responsibility; business, undertaking, task

Prostatis – a female guardian, succourer, patroness, caring for the affairs of others and aiding them with her resources

2 Corinthians 8:23-24

Philippians 2:19, 25

II. Greetings to His Co-Laborers

- Priscilla and Aquila

Synergós - a companion in work, fellow worker

Romans 16:21

Philippians 2:25

Philemon 1:1

Acts 18:1-3

Acts 18:24-26

- Epaenetus
- Mary
- Andronicus and Junia
- Amplias
- Urbanus
- Stachys
- Apelles
- Household of Aristobulus
- Herodian
- Household of Narcissus
- Tryphena and Tryphosa
- Persis
- Rufus and his mother
- Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren with them
- Philologus and Julia
- Nereus and his sister
- Olympas and all the saints with them

III. Greet One Another with a Holy Kiss

Philēma - to kiss, either as an expression of greeting or as a sign of special affection and appreciation

Luke 22:48

1 Corinthians 16:20

2 Corinthians 13:12

1 Thessalonians 5:26

1 Peter 5:14

IV. Mark and Shun Divisive People

Skopéō - to look at, observe, contemplate; to mark

Dichostasía - a division into opposing groups, generally two; discord

Skándalon - any person or thing by which one is (entrapped) drawn into error or sin

Ekklinō - purposely to avoid association with someone; to shun, to avoid, to keep away from, to have nothing to do with

Acts 20:27-32

Matthew 7:15-16

2 Peter 2:21

2 Timothy 3:7-8

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

V. More Greetings

- Timothy

1 Timothy 1:1

Philippians 2:22

- Lucius (Acts 13:1-3; Acts 21:1-8)
- Jason (Acts 17:5-10) and Sosipater (Acts 20:4-6)
- Tertius
- Gaius (Acts 18:7)
- Erastus
- Quartus

Closing Thought: Paul was deeply connected to and deeply loved those he ministered to and with, as well as those who ministered to him. He modeled, and expected, affection be shown amongst God's people. At the same time, he warned to avoid divisive people who claimed Christ, for they were very dangerous. Beloved, let's be greeting each other with holy kisses, and shunning those who might draw us into sin or error.