

#### Romans 16:1-16

- 1. 27 individuals are mentioned.
- 2. 19 men are mentioned.
- 3. 8 women are mentioned.
- 4. 3 relatives of Paul are mentioned.
- 5. 3 households are mentioned.
- 6. 1 congregation is mentioned.

#### They Were Individuals

- Each one was an individual, whose name was written out not only in the Bible, but in the Lamb's Book of life. Revelation 20:12,15
- Revelation 20:12
- 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.
- Revelation 20:15
- 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### They Were Individuals

- Each one was an individual who was "blessed us in the Beloved."
- Ephesians 1:6

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

- Each person was a child of God
- John 1:12
- 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

- Each person was a part of the body of Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

- Each person had a Spiritual gift to be used for God's glory
- Romans 12:6-8

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- Each person had a Spiritual gift to be used for God's glory
- 1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- Each person had been called to do good works
- Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Each person had been called to do their best
- Colossians 3:17
- 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- Colossians 3:23
- 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men

#### They Were Immortal

- They had everlasting life
- John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

# You Were Made in God's Image

• Genesis 1:26

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

# You Were Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

- Psalms 139:13-15
- 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

# God Has a Purpose for Your Life

- Psalms 139:16
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

# God Will Always Love You

- Isaiah 49:15-16
- 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,
  that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
  Even these may forget,
  yet I will not forget you.
- 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

# Jesus is the Good Shepherd – He Gave His Life for You

• John 10:14-15

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

God has a tendency of picking up a nobody, to become a somebody, in front of everybody, without asking anybody.