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ashamed of the gospel, for it is
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to everyone who believes, to
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Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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- Paul signs off with greetings and final words.
- Think of it as the conclusion of an hour-long message.

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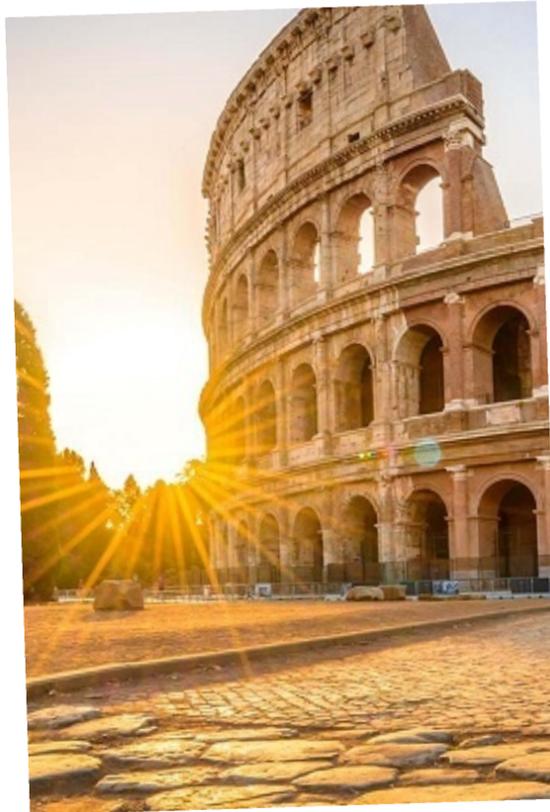


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Something We Learn

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- **The Greek word is **DIAKONOS**.**
- **We might translate this as "deacon" or "deaconess."**
- **See both the NIV and NLT.**

- **This seems like a formal title.**
- **Phoebe had a leadership role in the church.**

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Luke 8:1-3 (ESV)

Soon afterward [Jesus] went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, **and many others, who provided for them out of their means.**

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The importance of women in ministry.

Maybe it is too obvious to even discuss "women in ministry."

"Ministry" is just serving in the church. Let's hope women serving is not really an issue. Men women have always served together.

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**Something
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Rufus

Prisca and Aquila

- These names appear six times in the New Testament - always together.
- Aquila was a tentmaker like Paul.
- They helped Paul in both Corinth and Ephesus.

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Andronicus and Junia

(ESV) well known to the apostles

(NKJV) of note among the apostles

The wording can mean they were "apostles" or "missionaries."

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Mark 15:21 (ESV) And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

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The Church is a team that shares life together.

Acts 2:42 (ESV) And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

We can find great teaching online, but not everything else.

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Things We Can Learn

- False teachers will tend to oppose or misrepresent the apostles' teaching (cause divisions) and mainly serve themselves.
- The Roman church was known for its obedience. What a nice thing to be known for!!
- Something to strive for: "wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil."
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Some manuscripts insert verse 24:
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all. Amen

The verse is included in the 1599 Geneva Bible, KJV and NKJV.

The ESV chooses to put it in the footnotes.

Neither the message of Romans nor the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ are impacted by these choices. ;-)

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As in the previous group of greetings, we see how important it was for Paul to work with a team.

The church is more than a roster of individual converts. It is a fellowship of believers who all share in the life of Christ.

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26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—
27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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These two items, "**my gospel**" and "**the preaching of Jesus Christ**" are two ways of saying the same thing.

They are not two different things - as if Paul's gospel was different from the gospel of other apostles.

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A **mystery** in the New Testament refers to a truth now revealed that was not clearly revealed in earlier times.

In a sense, Paul is defining the word for us by saying it "has now been disclosed."

The gospel was foreshadowed in the Old Testament but that message - about Jesus Christ - is now being made clear.

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This is of course why we do international missions.

There is not one God or one religion for one group of people and another for other people.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all and he sends us into this world to make disciples of all nations.

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Faith and obedience go together.

Paul used this phrase at the beginning of the letter.

Romans 1:5 Through [Jesus Christ our Lord] we have received grace and apostleship to bring about **the obedience of faith** for the sake of his name among all the nations,

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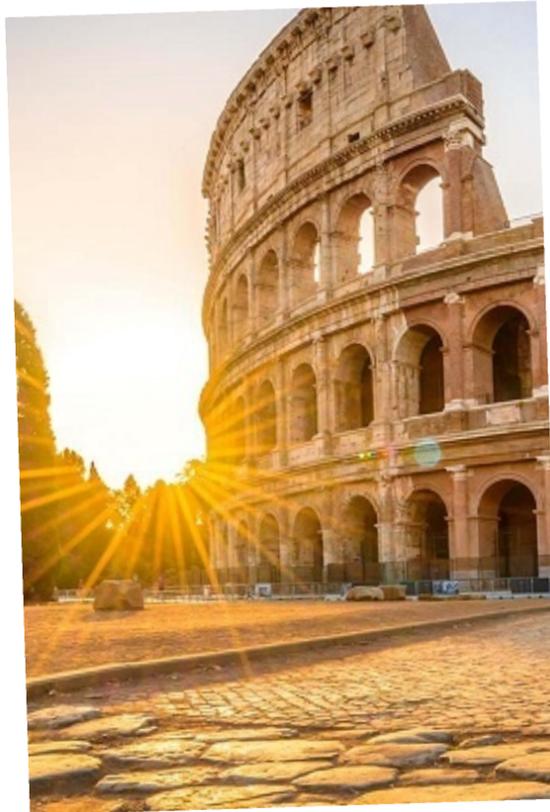
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From Phoebe

The importance of women in ministry.

Phoebe seems to have had the official position of a deacon or deaconess.

There is a real conversation to have about women in the elder/pastor/overseer role. But that is not addressed here.

The role of deacon is clearly open to both men and women. This allows for a vast number of ways for people (both men and women) to serve.

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We see that the church functions as a community or a team.

Not even an apostle like Paul could carry out the work of the ministry alone.

Church life consisted of close, long-term friendships - not simply church attendance or Christian teaching.

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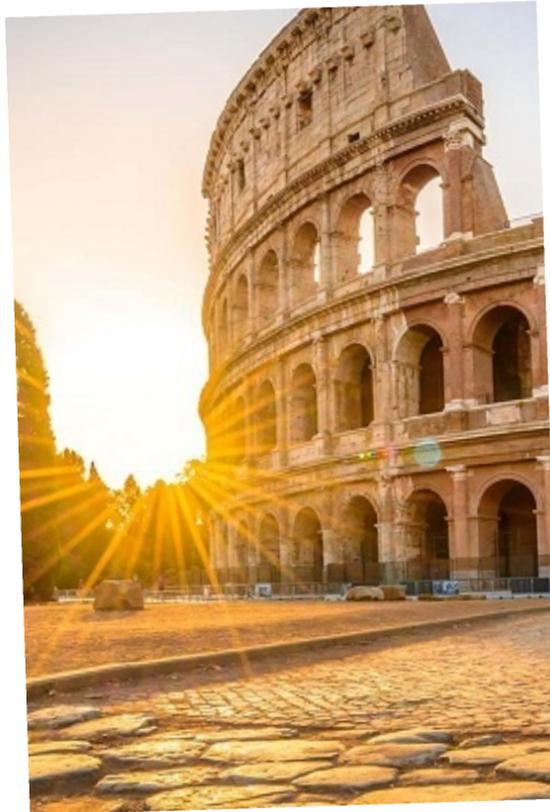
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From Warren Wiersbe (1929 - 2019)

Romans is a great expression of the faith. It is the complete and most logical presentation of Christian truth in the entire NT ...

If a Bible student wishes to master any one book of the Bible, let it be Romans! An understanding of this book is a key to unlocking the entire Word of God.

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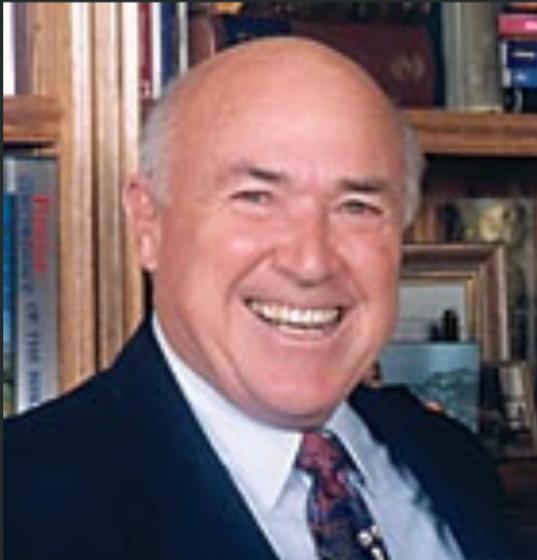


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**From
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(1927 - 2013)**

For me personally, the Book of Romans will always stand out as the vehicle God used to teach me about the glorious grace of God.

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(1483 - 1546)**

This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel ... We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.

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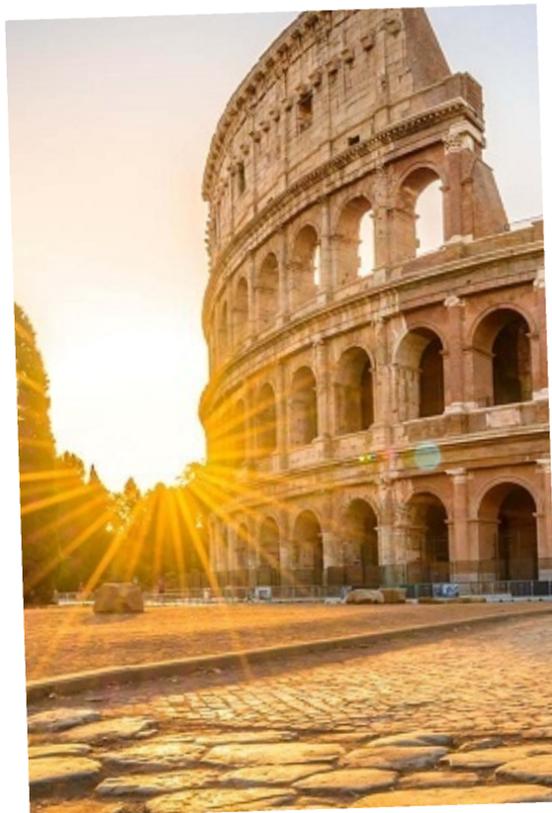
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