

Romans 16:17-27

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

For such persons do not serve our
Lord Christ, but their own
appetites, and by smooth talk and
flattery they deceive the hearts of
the naive.

For your obedience is known to all,
so that I rejoice over you, but I want
you to be wise as to what is good
and innocent as to what is evil.

The God of peace will soon crush
Satan under your feet. The grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Timothy, my fellow worker, greets
you; so do Lucius and Jason and
Sosipater, my kinsmen.

Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet
you in the Lord.

Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you. Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

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—

to the only wise God be glory
forevermore through Jesus Christ!
Amen.

Three Characteristics of the Gospel Paul Delivered:

1. Complete inadequacy Romans 3:23
2. Complete dependence Romans 5:8, 6:23
3. Complete self-denial Romans 12:1-2

Three Reasons False Teachers Should be Avoided?

1. They serve their own appetites. V. 18
2. Their talk is smooth and flattering. V. 18b
3. They are deceptive. V. 18c

2 Peter 2:1-3,14

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words.

2 Peter 2:1-3,14

Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep...They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

1 Corinthians 3:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.