

Names in Romans 16

Greetings to:

- ¹ Phoebe (Cenchreae, seaport near Corinth)
Servant = deacon[ess]. Probably letter-bearer, and a person of means.
- ³ Prisca and Aquila
Corinth, Ephesus (Acts 18). Paul's fellow-workers and friends.
- ⁵ Epaeetus (first convert to Christ in Asia)
Otherwise unknown. First Christian in Roman province of Asia. Gentile
- ⁶ Mary
Otherwise unknown. Jewish.
- ⁷ Andronicus and Junia
Jews, probably a married couple. Possibly missionaries like Prisca & Aquila
- ⁸ Ampliatus
Otherwise unknown. A common slave's name.
- ⁹ Urbanus
A common Roman slave's name.
- Stachys
A Greek name, given to slaves.
- ¹⁰ Apelles
A Greek name, known to have been given by Jews.
those who belong to the family of Aristobulus
Aristobulus was grandson of Herod the Great, friend of emperor Claudius. His household merged with the imperial household, but may still have been known at the time of Romans.
- ¹¹ Herodion
Jewish Christian, possibly some connection to the family of Herod
those who belong to the family of Narcissus
Christians belonging to the household of an influential freedman during reign of Claudius
- ¹² Tryphaena and Tryphosa; Persis
Female names. The first two may have been sisters (twins?). Persis probably a slave.
- ¹³ Rufus; also his mother
Probably son of Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:21). Paul likely a frequent guest in their house.
- ¹⁴ Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.
Slave names. Probably members of the same household (with 'the brothers')
- ¹⁵ Philologus, Julia
Possibly husband and wife
Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.
Possibly family members, or of the same household, as Philologus and Julia
- Greetings from:
- ²¹ Timothy; Lucius and Jason and Sosipater
Lucius = Luke? (Col 4:14). Jason: Acts 17:5-7? So[sij]pater: Acts 20:4?
- ²² Tertius
Scribe
- ²³ Gaius, Erastus, Quartus
Gaius: 1 Cor. 1:14; Erastus=civil servant

