

Discerning Who To Greet, Avoid And Trust

Romans 16. Pastor Logan Beardsley

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In the digital age, where discipleship is shaped by algorithms, AI, and personal preferences, we must be diligent to discern who/what to greet, avoid and trust.

1. **Who to greet:** (Vs. 1-16)

2. **Who to avoid:** (Vs. 17-20)

3. **Who to trust:** (Vs. 25-27)

Works Cited: (1) Douglas Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans* (2) John Stott, *The Message of Romans*

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1. Comment on Pastor Logan's statement from his sermon, "In this digital age, driven by an endless supply of algorithms, voices, & influences, it is vital in the Church that we know who's who & who we should listen to."
2. Who can you applaud as a person who has helped you in the faith?
3. Read Romans 16:1-16, 21-23. (You Version App, narrator function may help with pronunciations.) Greet comes up many times. What do you think it means to greet one another as a Christian?
 - Paul promotes people from slaves to political figures in this list. What character qualities are common in this group?
4. Read Romans 16:17-20. Paul says to watch out for those who cause division and those who create obstacles to good doctrine.
 - How do people create division in the church today? (Like a church split or driving people out. See verse 18.)
 - How do people create obstacles to good doctrine in the modern church?
 - In verse 17, what does Paul tell us to do with such people? How do we do that today?
 - In verse 20, what assurance does Paul give to those who faithfully follow Jesus?
5. Read Romans 16: 25-27. How can you paraphrase these verses?
 - Paul ends Romans with Jesus being the "Hero" of our faith. Why is that so important in your life?
6. How can you greet the right folks, avoid the wrong folks, and trust the "Hero" of our faith?

Pray for each other.