

The Former Day Saints

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 16:1-27.

B. The saints at Rome were called saints because they were sanctified people.

C. This means they were people who having come to grips with Jesus Christ by believing His gospel were being put to proper use.

D. Phoebe was the letter bearer.

II. Greetings to the saints at Rome.

A. Priscilla and Aquila.

1. These were the fruit of Paul's tent-making ministry.

2. They aided him in Ephesus.

3. They had a church that met in their home. Christianity must be lived within the heart and the home.

B. Epenedus, Paul's first convert in Asia for Christ.

C. Mary who worked hard.

D. Andronicus and Junius who were in Christ before Paul.

E. Groups of unnamed Christians.

F. All the women he mentions are hard workers.

G. Rufus is the son of Simon who carried Jesus' cross.

H. There was to be a manifestation of love despite differences.

I. Distinguishing counterfeit Christians.

1. They teach things contrary or in addition to what is in the Scripture.

2. They could be recognized by speaking fair and flattering words.

3. They desired to fill their own appetites.

J. The believer is to give him to what is good, and God will take care of the counterfeit Christians.

III. References to the saints with Paul at Corinth.

IV. A word of dedication.

A. God strengthens along three lines:

1. According to the gospel.
2. According to the revelation of the mystery, God would call out the Jews and Gentiles to compose the church. Believers need each other.
3. According to the plan of God.

B. The works of God depend not upon our feeble efforts but His unchanging grace.

Application questions:

1. How did Paul show success in ministering through his profession? How can the practically be applied to today's work setting?

2. How is the believer to respond to those who appear to be counterfeit Christians in the church?

3. How would you respond to the believer asking for counsel in gaining God's strength for a certain matter? Explain.
