

## Final Greetings for the Church

1 Cor. 16:19-24

### I. The Salutations- v.19-21

#### A. The Church Greeting-the churches of Asia, all the Brethren

#### B. The Couple's Greeting-Aquila and Priscilla

##### a. They were Exiles-Acts 18:2

God is in control of every detail in our lives

- Met Paul: Because of ordination-**Acts 18:2 (NKJV)**  
<sup>2</sup> And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.
- Met Paul: Because of his origin-born a Jew from Pontus

Province just south of the Black Sea in **Asia Minor**. Its boundaries meet those of Galatia, Cappadocia and Armenia.

Many Jews settled there and were at Pentecost in **Acts 2:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

##### **1 Peter 1:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Cities of Asia Minor important to the NT accounts included Alexandria Troas, Assos, **Ephesus**, Miletus, Patara, **Smyrna**, **Pergamum**, **Sardis**, **Thyatira**, **Philadelphia**, **Laodicea**, Colossae, Attalia, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, and Tarsus. Word Definition

- Met Paul: Because of his occupation-tent makers

They had moved wherever they were needed: Rome to Corinth to Ephesus to Rome

##### **Acts 18:19-21 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

<sup>20</sup> When they asked *him* to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent,

<sup>21</sup> but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.

Romans 16:3-fellow workers (laborers)...they helped plant churches in Ephesus and Corinth

##### **b. They were Examples**

##### **Acts 18:24-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

<sup>25</sup> This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

<sup>26</sup> So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

### C. The Cordial Greeting-greet with a holy kiss

Holy-consecrated

Kiss-from *phileo*- friendl; affectionate

Christians were accustomed to welcome or dismiss their companions in the faith: **Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26; it is also called kiss of love, 1 Peter 5:14**

***Many still do this overseas to greet one another by touching cheeks on either side or both***

***Hand shake for today is a sufficient greeting***

***Usually between the Lord Supper and Prayer-Judas would have fulfilled this tradition***

### D. The Courageous Greeting-Paul-v.21

**Acts 20:16-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

<sup>17</sup> From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

<sup>18</sup> And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

<sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

<sup>20</sup> how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

<sup>21</sup> testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>22</sup> And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the

things that will happen to me there,

<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

<sup>24</sup> But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

### 2 Cor. 1:8-11

#### II. The Proclamation-v.22

**A. Anathema** -( **Aramaic**); a (religious) **ban** or (concrete) **excommunicated** (thing or person)  
Strong's Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament -a thing devoted to God without hope of being redeemed, and, if an animal, to be slain ([Leviticus 27:28,29](#)); therefore a person or thing doomed to destruction.

**Leviticus 27:28-29 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> 'Nevertheless no devoted *offering* that a man may devote to the LORD of all that he has, *both* man and beast, or the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted *offering is* most holy to the LORD.

<sup>29</sup> No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, *but* shall surely be put to death.

Not to love Christ means not to believe in Him, and unbelievers are accursed (John 3:18)

**Galatians 1:8-9**

**Barnes' Notes on the New Testament:** In the close of the Notes on this epistle, I may ask anyone who shall read these pages, whether he has this love? And I may press it upon the attention of each one, though I may never see his face in the flesh, as the great inquiry which is to determine his everlasting destiny. The solemn declaration stands here, that if he does not love the Lord Jesus, he will be, and he ought to be, devoted to destruction. The Lord Jesus will soon return to make investigation and to judge the world, There will be no escape; and no tongue can express the awful horrors of an ETERNAL CURSE, PRONOUNCED BY THE LIPS OF THE SON OF GOD!

**B. Marana-our Lord**

**C. Tha-come**

**Greek is maranatha**

**Rev.22:20....Come even Now Lord Jesus! Even Now**

**III. The Culmination-v.23-24**

**A. Grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all**

**B. Love of mine in Jesus be with you all**

**Paul concludes his second letter with these words..**

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brethren, farewell(rejoice). Become complete ( be restored-perfectly fitted together). Be of good comfort (be encouraged), be of one mind(think the same thing), live in peace (beat peace); and the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss.

<sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.

Conclusion: For the church to receive all Paul has addressed and repent from all Paul has addressed there must be a Triune moving of God in the lives of all those who believe. May there be no Anathemas named among us!!! Come even Now Lord Jesus