## Series: Romans, # 21

## For Everyone Give Thanks

## **Romans 16**

As Paul closes his letter to the house churches of Rome, he greets, thanks and honors many friends. As you read their names and descriptions, ponder whether you have friends of this quality, whether you are a blessing to others in these ways, whether Hope is a local church that would be described like Rome...

Benefactor of many Faithful to Christ

Risked their lives for me My fellow prisoners

Worked very hard for you My dear friend

Co-workers in Christ Jesus Chosen in the Lord

The church meets at their house A mother to me

Read the warnings given in verses 17-19. Paul clearly believed the church was under attack, so believers needed to be aware. Is that still true today? If so, what are we called to do?

Reflection: do you have the habit of recognizing the value that others have contributed to your spiritual journey? Do they know how grateful you are; have you intentionally thanked and honored them?

Hope-work: this week I need to thank >

Recall lessons you learned, verses or passages that blessed you, steps of obedience taken as we journeyed through the epistle to the Romans

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Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord, and ask for the Holy Spirit's help to put into practice what you have learned:

The Roman road....

<sup>\*</sup> for next week, study Matthew 28:16-20