

The Koinonia of the Beloved
Romans 16:5-11
February 18, 2024

"Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. Greet Mary, who labored much for us. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord." (Romans 16:5-11; NKJ)

**1. Be certain! You are _____
in Christ!**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:3-5; NKJ)

**2. Be certain! You are _____
in Christ!**

"Greet Apelles, approved in Christ," (v10)

"Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,..." (Romans 1:1; NKJ)

"To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:" (Romans 1:7; NKJ)

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28; NKJ)

"But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk." (1 Corinthians 7:17; NKJ)

**3. Be certain! You _____
in Christ!**

"Greet Apelles, approved in Christ," (v10)

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15; NKJ)

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." (James 1:2-3; NKJ)

"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12; NKJ)