

Read Romans 16

This is the final chapter in Romans. Paul has pulled out many Jewish false presumptions held regarding personal righteousness. In fact, Paul was the number one enforcer of correct doctrinal interpretation. Much of his writings were doctrinal corrections. False belief systems sprang up like wildfire, all over Asia.

Paul uses these final comments to ensure that the members of the church and its supporters get what they need. Now, Paul is acting more like the Apostle Andrew, who kept introducing people who could help each other get what they needed. Paul is also handing off his mantel. He is telling his helpers to support others just like they have supported him. I am not sure if Paul is actually saying that Rufus was his brother.

Paul is telling his colleagues to stay away from dealers in bad doctrine. It is a cancer.

Paul has a lot of moral support around him as he drafts this letter. He was permitted to come and go as he pleased. The Romans released him, since no prosecuting parties came to Rome to bring their case. Paul was re-arrested and then killed.