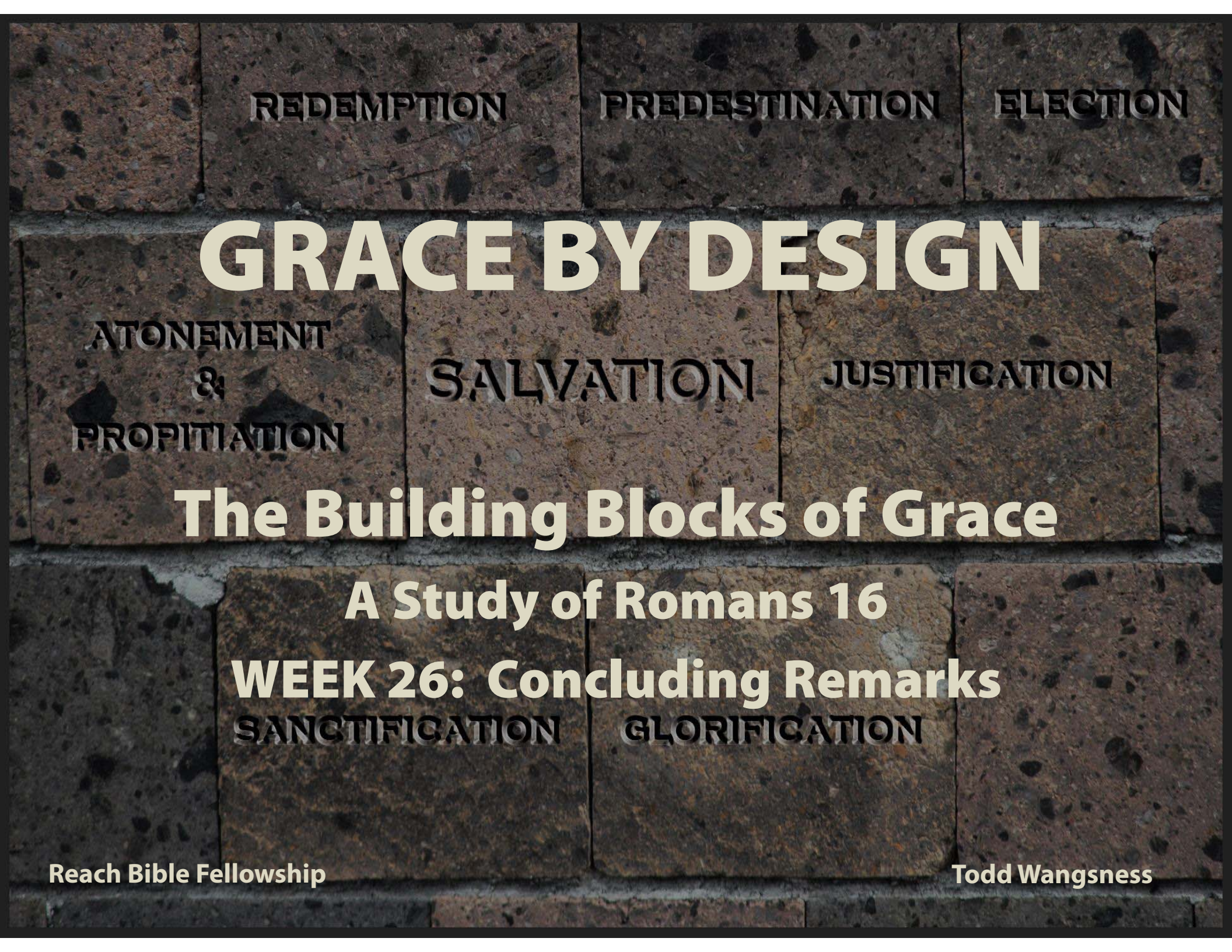

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Grace By Design: Conclusion and Closing Remarks

Notable quotes on Romans Chapter 16

""Paul here expresses his gratitude to those who were not only his companions in the gospel but also exposed themselves to great danger for his sake. When he says that Priscilla and Aquila laid down their own necks for his life, he signifies their extraordinary devotion, for they did not hesitate to put themselves in peril to preserve him. Moreover, he notes that the church met in their house, which indicates their generosity and hospitality, as they opened their home to the believers for worship and fellowship. This shows us the kind of mutual love and service that ought to characterize the church, where each member, whether man or woman, contributes to the building up of the body of Christ."

- **John Calvin**

"In this glorious conclusion, Paul ascribes all praise to the only wise God, who has revealed the mystery of the gospel, which was hidden for long ages but is now made known to all nations. This mystery, the inclusion of the Gentiles in the covenant of grace, is the great theme of Romans, and here Paul celebrates its fulfillment through the preaching of Jesus Christ. The obedience of faith, which he mentions, is not merely intellectual assent but a life transformed by the gospel, leading all nations to worship and serve God. Let us, with Paul, give glory to God for His wisdom and power, which have accomplished so great a salvation, and let us pray that this gospel may continue to spread until all the earth is filled with His glory."

- **Matthew Henry**

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Romans Chapter 16 Overview

- **Verses 1-16: Greetings and Commendations**
  - Paul begins by commending Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchrea, who likely delivered the letter to Rome. He greets numerous individuals—men and women, Jews and Gentiles. This section highlights the diverse, collaborative nature of the early Christian community and Paul's deep personal connections.
- **Verses 17-20: Warning Against Division**
  - He warns against deceptive teachers who serve their own interests, encouraging discernment and fidelity to the truth. He reassures them that God will soon crush Satan, offering hope and strength.
- **Verses 21-23: Greetings from Paul's Companions**
  - Paul conveys greetings from his coworkers, including Timothy, Tertius (the scribe), and others, reinforcing the communal effort behind his ministry.
- **Verses 25-27: Closing Doxology**
  - The chapter ends with a powerful doxology, praising God for revealing the mystery of the gospel to all nations, leading to the "obedience of faith." It encapsulates the universal scope of salvation, a central theme of Romans.

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Greetings and Commendations

16:1-5 ***I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, 2 that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also. 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.***

- ***"Phoebe our sister, who is a <u>servant</u> of the church in Cenchrea …"***
  - **Is Paul saying that Phoebe was a deaconess? (Greek '*diakonos*'. NT word for deacon.)**
    - **The bible does not explicitly support women as deacons, but it does not disqualify them either**
    - **In the early church, women certainly served the sick, poor, strangers, and prisoners**
    - **They taught women and children (Tit 2:3-5)**
    - **Paul saw Phoebe as a valued member and entrusted her with the enormous responsibility of delivering this epistle to the Roman church**

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16:6-11 ***Greet Mary, who labored much for us. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. 8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. 11 Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.***

- **"Household of Aristobulus": Quite likely this was Aristobulus Minor, the grandson of Herod the Great, who died between 44-48 AD**
  - **The text implies that Aristobulus was deceased at that time**

:12-16 ***Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. 16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.***

- **"Rufus … and his mother": Likely Rufus' father was Simon of Cyrene, who carried Jesus' cross. Rufus' mother would have been the wife of Simon (Ref Mark 15:21)**

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Warnings Against Division

16:17-20 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. 19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

- **Paul again warns against divisions and offenses with the church and those who cause them**
  - **We are NOT to engage in petty bickering about various opinions and "doctrines" that are not essential to salvation**
  - **He even goes further to say that those who intend to deceive and increase their net worth by promulgating a false gospel are to be avoided and cast out of the church**
- **But he emphasizes the confidence he has in their obedience to the gospel**
- **The source of division with the Body of Christ is Satan and God will soon crush Satan under our feet!**

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Greetings from Paul's Companions

16:21-23 Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you. 22 I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord. 23 Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. 24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

- **Interesting to note that Paul composed the epistle to the Roman, but Tertius transcribed it to a letter**

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Closing Doxology

16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— 27 to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

- *"Now to Him who is able …"* **(Greek '*dunamis*'. To have power)**
- **Paul comes full circle from our theme verse for Romans back in Chapter 1:16-17**
  - *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*
  - **He again emphasizes that the gospel is the POWER OF GOD unto our Salvation!**
  - **And he reminds us of the AMAZING mystery of the church kept secret from the ages!**
  - *Col 1:26-27 The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*