Romans 16:19-20

WHERE WE ARE

- The last chapter of Romans is clearly one of the most intimate touches into the life of Paul. Here's his heart for many of his friends.
- Paul has expressed an urgent appeal (v. 17). Moreover, he has identified those who are more sensual than spiritual (v. 18). There is no mincing of words, Paul calls for an outright stand. This is so needed today!
- 3. Now, consider carefully the closing comments of the Apostle Paul to the Romans:-ROMAN TESTIMONY V. 19a

N.B. Rome had been relatively free from deceivers, needed a warning.
a. Concerned obedience yet needed a warning.

Deception is best countered by obedience to the truth. What the Romans had was an obedient-faith. Actually, this is the only kind of real faith found in Scripture (cf. 1:5). Paul had already noted the wide acclaim of Roman faith (1:8). It is now repeated. It had actually arrived at "all men" (probably meaning other believers). The verb is only used here in the New Testament.

Concerned rejoicing

Paul could not withhold his sheer delight over the Romans. Hence, he rejoiced "over you" or upon you. God grant this to be true of us all--bringing joy to other believers.

NOTE: 1 Thess. 1:5-10 gives a similar testimony of the church at Thessalonica. May it be true of your (our) church!

2. PAULINE DESIRE v. 19b

The order of the words in this text are important. They are not to be inverted so as to be wise about evil and simple about God. No way! We should be deep in wisdom about our faith; we should be content to be unacquainted with any wisdom which at its root is evil. Darkness cannot unveil darkness!

The noun translated "simple" actually means to be "unmixed." It should be rendered in the three places in the N.T. (cf. Mt. 10:16; here; Phil. 2:15).

- 3. DIVINE PROMISE v. 20
 - a. About God

b. About Satan First acknowledge his existence and activity (cf. Job 1, 2). There is enough in the Bible to establish his reality and work. It all goes back to Gen. 3. The plain allusion is to Genesis 3:15. The verb means to rub together, crush, trample underfoot. Satanic influence and false doctrine will come to an end. C. About Believers
"Under your feet" is more than an expression. Believers are a sort of extension of our Lord's victory at Calvary. It will all be done "speedily," not soon or shortly. In view of eternity, our battle with Satan is not considered drawn out. The cooperative accent here is worthy of note. It is God Who does the crushing. But it is under "your feet" (cf. 1 Cor. 3:9; Ex. 12:51). BENEDICTION Romans 16:20 is a benediction. It is the sort found in all of Paul's epistles (cf. 2 Thess. 3:17, 18). Only His grace saves, keeps, and satifies. Glory be His infinite Name forever and ever. THE THE VIEW AT SHOW HAT INVESTIGATION WHEN o francisco Pal actologo's bertsome. It SEE 166 BEACH STOCKER SON BLOCK TORK de filos tames baseas de la compania tental-listed to east on or sist and so con-一个文章学者学生的工程者,但是对其他,在这个年代的 de Braiten midde a arrig Sfect Treet in 1999 the diversity at Treamplements, they it be true it your Tarayanan Twasar GFT TV ERISET ENGINEE - S The order of the words in this text are important Trois said of or es or between ed of for bis went ed biseis et fice of the ince steets has live Trestill et lifett en intiel nut deck sobilv et geet Toot and in the medical year of a formation of all Tesonxueb Elstric school besitants liftin el of Borne Wilders Telegial beinlice of hear of serial and in Desembers and Stoods St. ". Seriase" of A COLLEGE OF STATE OF THE ACTION AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE de la danasa datum

What a wonderful title this is: "God of peace"

(cf. 15:33). He is the God of comfort (2 Cor. 1:3) and the God of grace (1 Pet. 5:10). What a glorious

God we serve!