

7 **Romans Lesson 78**

Chapter 16:1-6

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1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us. Romans 16:1-6

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Verses 1-2:

1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, (only mention in the text)
which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: (not deaconess)
2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints,
and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you:
for she hath been a succourer of many, (2 Sam 8:5, 18:3, Heb 2:18)
and of myself also.

12 **Unique Word - Assist**

Assist - Here is a good example of a word defined by another word in the immediate context, and within the same verse. Assist here means to succour. Just as Phebe was a servant to the saints in Cenchrea (verse 1) with Paul and many others (verse 2), she in turn should be succoured by the believers in Rome. For more on succour, look at the following:

2 Sam. 8:5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

2 Sam. 18:3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* worth ten thousand of us: therefore now *it is* better that thou succour us out of the city.

Heb. 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 5826. אָזַר ('âzar) ' אָזַר âzar, aw-zar' a primitive root; to surround, i.e., protect or aid:—help, succour.

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SOED-assist /0ə'sɪst/ verb. LME. [ORIGIN Old French and Modern French assister from Latin assistere, from ad as-¹ + sistere take one's stand.] ► I Help. 1 verb trans. Help (a person in, to do, with, etc.; a person in necessity; an action, process, or result); support, further, promote. LME. 2 verb intrans. Give help or support (in, †to, (arch.) to do, with). LME. ► II Be present. †3 verb trans. Stand by; attend, escort; accompany, join. L15–M17. 4 verb intrans. Be present (at), either as a spectator (arch.) or as a participant. M16.

Strong's Greek Dictionary 3936. παριστημι paristemi *par-is'-tay-mee* paristano par-is-tan'-o from 3844 and 2476; to stand beside, i.e. (transitively) to exhibit, proffer, (specially), recommend, (figuratively) substantiate; or (intransitively) to be at hand (or ready), aid:—assist, bring before,

command, commend, give presently, present, prove, provide, shew, stand (before, by, here, up, with), yield. *The Gk παριστημι appears 44 times in the TR; and translated once as that ye assist at Rom. 16:2 in the KJB. JW.*

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Verses 3-4:

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
(Ac 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-26)

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: (1 Cor 15:32)
unto whom not only I give thanks, (2 Tim 4:19)
but also all the churches of the Gentiles. (1 Cor 16:19)

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Verses 5-6:

5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. (1 Cor 16:19, Col 4:15, Phm 2)
Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, (only mention)
who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. (Ex 22:29, 1 Cor 16:15)
6 Greet Mary, (only mention)
who bestowed much labour on us.