



4th Quarter Christianity

(Sermon by Ray Reynolds on 10/18/09 - PM)

Text: Romans 16:1- 20

Introduction: There are many great things that God has blessed us with in this congregation. We are very blessed to have many great Christian brothers and sisters that refuse to quit. They believe God is always with them (Matthew 28:20) and if God is on our side we have nothing to fear (Romans 8:31). They know that we can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13). We owe a huge debt to these aging Christians that keep serving God even in the 4th quarter of life. God foretold that the seed of Christ would bruise the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15). With God's help and a little wisdom from His Holy Word, we can defeat Satan. Romans 16 shows us five things to assure our victory

Discussion:

- I. You Must Be Sensitive (vs.1- 15)
 - A. The Lord values every person.
 - B. The Lord's church needs good men of God.
 - C. The Lord's church needs good women of God.
 - D. The Lord wants us to be sensitive about the work of others.
- II. You Must Be Supportive (v.16)
 - A. Greet one another
 - B. Recognize one another
 - C. Edify (build up) one another
- III. You Must Be Steadfast (vs.17- 18)
 - A. Avoid dividers
 - B. Avoid destroyers
 - C. Avoid deceivers
- IV. You Must Be Submissive (v.19)
 - A. Excel in wisdom
 - B. Excel in goodness
 - C. Excel in innocence (simplicity)
- V. You Must Be Secure (v.20)
 - A. God is peaceful
 - B. God is mighty
 - C. God is gracious

Conclusion: If you will follow this five- step strategy we will be victorious in defeating Satan. God has already promised victory, but don't you want to join in the fight. Either we crush him or he'll crush us. Whose side are you on? Are you ready to achieve victory? Are you ready to reach the goal?

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