



## SAY, “HI”

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At first reading Romans 16:1 – 16 and 21 – 23 looks like just a list of names — the names of people Paul knew in Rome. What relevance could it possibly have for us? But Paul tells us in his letter to Timothy, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable...” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Our task, whenever we read any passage from the Bible, is to discern first, “What was God’s purpose in inspiring and including this in the Scriptures?” and then to work out, “How might this be profitable to me, today?” The key question to start with is always, “Why did the person who wrote it write it: what was in his mind and what purpose did he intend his words to serve?”

◆ Every passage of Scripture has a single purpose: the purpose intended by the original writer when he penned it. Do you agree?

◆ What do you think were the thoughts in Paul’s mind when he wrote this passage?

◆ What leads you to that conclusion?

