

“Letter of Commendation”

Romans 16: 1 - 27

November 6, 2011

God Has Called His Church To Openly Accept One Another In The Labor Of The Kingdom, (vs. 1 - 27)

• We must follow the example of those who preserve the purity of the Kingdom, (vs. 17 - 20)

A. Every believer is to be vigilant in discerning what is contrary to the gospel, (vs. 17 - 18); *"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. "And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed."*(2 Peter 2:1-2 ESV)

B. Every believer is to be equally vigilant in not falling to the same deception, (vs. 19 - 20); *"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. "For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. "But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. "For each will have to bear his own load."*(Galatians 6:1-5 ESV)

- We must follow the example of those who lead humbly in the Kingdom, (vs. 21 - 23)
- We must follow the example of the One who rules over the Kingdom, (vs. 25 - 27)