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Tim McMillin (P.M.)

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Bryan Davis & Michiel Criswell

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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“GREET RUFUS” Mark Lindley

The above title is part of a Bible verse within the book of Romans. The verse reads: “Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine” (Romans 16:13).

Dear reader, have you done what this verse says? Have you greeted Rufus? If you have not, when are you going to greet him? The scripture says, “Salute Rufus.” Shouldn’t all who desire to please God do what the Bible teaches? Shouldn’t all Bible-honoring folks be concerned about greeting Rufus?

Of course, I have written the above with tongue firmly in cheek! I made this lighthearted plea—encouraging readers to “greet Rufus”—to make a point. The point is that in studying the Bible, one must study verses in context!

The context of Romans 16:13 is the apostle Paul’s closing salutations to the church at Rome. The book of Romans is a letter that Paul wrote to the church at Rome (Romans 1:1, 7). In the closing part of that letter, Paul sends greetings to various beloved members of the church. One disciple to whom Paul sent greetings was a person named “Rufus.”

Of course, Paul’s instruction to “greet Rufus” was personal and limited in its application. Paul was not instructing all people for ages to come to “greet Rufus.” The very idea that one would read Paul’s instruction and then begin looking for Rufus so that one could greet him is absurd.

Yet, there are many today who read the Bible in that manner! For example, many read about “wars and rumors of wars; earthquakes, pestilences and famines” without ever considering the context of Matthew 24:6-7. Many sincere religious folks get stirred up anytime war breaks out and will remark: “Well, you know the Bible says there will be wars and rumors of wars, so the Lord is coming soon! Get ready for the rapture!” However, those same people are likely unaware that Jesus said his predictions of the “wars and rumors of wars, pestilences, famines etc.” would be fulfilled in his (Jesus’) generation (Matthew 24:34).

The things of which Jesus spoke were fulfilled in the first century, before the year A.D 70, the year Jerusalem fell to Romans armies. This thought is not merely this writer's interpretation; rather, that is what the Bible clearly teaches. How can one be sure? Look at the context! Reading Matthew 24:1-34, one can clearly see the signs of which Jesus spoke were signs of the fall of Jerusalem. There will be no signs of his second coming; rather, he will come as a thief in the night! (Matthew 24:36; I Thessalonians 5:1-2).

Nevertheless, many continue to teach that "signs" indicate that Jesus is coming soon. Without consulting the context, one may draw many false conclusions about biblical teachings.

Dear reader, have you greeted Rufus? No, because the context shows that the church at Rome was to greet him, not you. Following this simple principle of Bible study will help one "rightly divide the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

"THEN... AND NOW"

Dalton Key

By itself, atmosphere guarantees neither culture nor character. True and lasting change comes to all of us as it always has - from the inside out, not from the outside in.

The same is true for churches. Luxurious buildings and bulging budgets are not, of themselves, evidence of faithful, faith-filled believers.

Millions of dollars are now spent on steeples, signs and billboard-sized song-screens; on computer-controlled video systems, sound systems, and even systems for perfectly maintaining the very air's temperature and humidity. But the early Christians of Rome, huddled together in their stench-filled catacombs, would probably outstrip today's more modern members with respect to simple sincerity and depth of worship.

We've come a long way since those early days . . . in the wrong direction. We clearly have the inside track on atmosphere; but many of us have made ourselves so comfortable we're barely able to stay awake for a one-hour worship service.

The hearty "amen" of yesteryear has since been replaced with a collective, congregational yawn.

Christ likened the Pharisees to "white-washed tombs which outwardly appear attractive; but inside are full of all kinds of uncleanness." (Matthew 23:27, McCord.)

What would Jesus say about us?

Books You Can't Read By David Bragg

You could, if so inclined, go to your local library and read various books about George Gordon, better known as Lord Byron. What you can't read, however, is his autobiography. Byron, a noted poet who lived a flamboyant, controversial life, left his memoir with a friend. But upon learning of Byron's death his friend, hoping to spare his Byron's reputation from the scandal that would inevitably result, burned the manuscript.

While at the library you could check out several of William Shakespeare's plays. But you can't read "Love's Labour's Won" or "Cardenio." Although they are found in early lists of the noted writer's plays they are nevertheless lost to history.

If you are really motivated you could read Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey," but you can't read his third installment, the "Margites." It has not survived.

You can read Earnest Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "Islands in the Stream," but not some of his earlier stories because they were packed inside his wife's suitcase which was stolen in a busy train station (Nate Barksdale, history.com).

But you can read the Bible. God has preserved it through the centuries. By reading and obeying, you can live a life that is pleasing in His sight and share your hope with others as you make your way through history. You can read it, but do you?

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Glenn Fann.

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK: Jimmy Williford, Juan Stroupe

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Cortney Cissom (Kidney Transplant)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Jimmy & Thad Berryman

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