
God's
Hall of Fame
Celebrating Faith and Legacy

Romans 1:1-5

[1] I command you to our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchrea. [2] I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.



Romans 1:1-5

[3] Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus. [4] They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. [5] Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.



Romans 1:6-16

Greet Mary, Andronicus, and Junia, Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys, Apelles, the household of Aristobulus. Herodion, the household of Narcissus, Tryphena and Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the other brothers and sisters with them, Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the Lord's people who are with them. [16] Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.



God's Hall of Fame?

The Roman Christian community was very diverse, with men and women, Jews and Gentiles, people of all ages, and people from both the upper and lower classes.

Nearly 40% listed are women.

A diverse gallery of faithful lives from every era and culture.



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Outside of heaven, these people would have remained unknown but for Paul adding their names to his letter to the Romans.



Honored Figures

They were a couple that demonstrated what it was to have open hearts, open hands, and an open house.



PRISCILLA



AQUILA

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Open Hearts



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Open Hands



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2 Samuel 24:22-25

22 Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up.
Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the
wood. 23 Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king.” Araunah also said to him, “May
the Lord your God accept you.”



2 Samuel 24:22-25

[24] But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to
the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing
floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. [25] David built an altar to the
Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord
answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.



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Outside of heaven, many names will not be known. The apostle John reminded us that in heaven books are being kept. God records our good works – the product of our open hearts, our open hands, and our open houses.



1 Timothy 5:17

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.



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