IT'S OUR BELIEF THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER

Romans 16

- I. Paul is begging the Romans to look past their differences in background, culture, and opinion, and to focus on the thing that unites them: <u>BELIEF</u> in Jesus Christ.
 - A. His closing salutations give us a wonderful picture of unity, even in the midst of <u>DIVERSITY</u>.
 - B. Because unity does not equal <u>UNIFORMITY</u>
- II. The only thing that is truly a threat to our unity is <u>FALSE</u> <u>DOCTRINE</u>.
 - A. If the words of Jesus are the words of Life, then anything that draws us away from Jesus are DEATHTRAPS.
 - B. If you really want to protect peace at all costs, then you must be willing to <u>DESTROY</u> anything that would come against it.
- III. God has given us His <u>AUTHORITY</u> to be able to cut off the false doctrines that threaten our peace in Christ.
 - A. But that authority does not come without RESPONSIBILTY.
 - B. If we want to be able to recognize false doctrine, we have to know the <u>TRUE</u> doctrine.

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Our Mission: To be a magnet, drawing people who need Jesus to know and grow in Him.

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