

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION
PUTTING DOWN EVIL, LIFTING UP FRIENDS
ROMANS 16:20-24



The Heart of the Matter

The Bible is a book of strong contrasts. Light and dark. Obedience and disobedience. Faith and works. Joy and sorrow. Right and wrong. Sheep and goats. Victory and defeat. Truth and error. Love and hate. Trust and worry. God and Satan. Heaven and hell. These opposite distinctions help us determine our standards for everyday living. They give us mental and moral boundaries. They enable us to interpret the events of life with objectivity, rather than get lost in the gulf of uncertainty. The section of Scripture we're considering in this message offers another example of a contrast: evil that is unseen and insidious as opposed to good that is tangible and encouraging. Our main interest lies in the practical insights that accompany what we discover about both.



Discovering the Way

1. Reviewing the Significance of Romans

While the book of Romans stands as Paul's magnum opus, it continues to be wonderfully practical and pragmatic.

2. Putting an End to Evil (Romans 16:20)

We can take hope in the truth that God will soon crush Satan and bring an everlasting peace.

3. Bringing Encouragement to Others (Romans 16:20-24)

When we understand grace, we'll understand the importance of lifting up our friends.

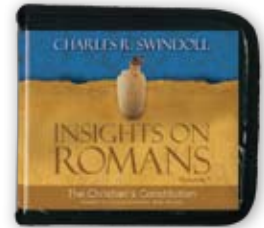


Starting Your Journey

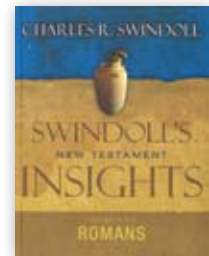
Let's remember three key lessons. First, we cannot ignore or deny the presence of evil. Second, we need not fear or be intimidated by evil. And finally, we will not experience victory until we appropriate grace personally.



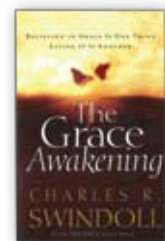
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