

Saints Together

“Thoughts for the Present Time”

Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will¹² to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brothers¹⁵—you know that the household¹⁵ of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— ¹⁶ be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. ¹⁷ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, ¹⁸ for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

¹⁹ The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. ²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. ²² If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Present Time Is...

A Time for STRENGTH: “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

A Time for Genuine LOVE: “Let all that you do be done in love.”

A Time for RENEWAL: “They have refreshed my spirit.”

A Time for SOBER Assessment: “If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed.”

A Time for Hope in Christ: “Our Lord, COME!” (“Maranatha”)