

Friends and Foes

Romans 16:1-23

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"At the cross, the Godhead's friendship was ruptured so that our friendship could be restored." Steve Timmis

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

1. Greetings (1-16, 21-23)

These relationships are ...

- _____ - "in the Lord"
- _____ - "beloved"
- _____ -
 - in _____
 - in _____

"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae." (1)

sister ... _____ ... _____

Was Phoebe a deaconess?

Option #1 _____

- This is the only _____ -
- "Helper" is not an official _____ -
- She can't be _____. (1 Tim. 3:12)

Option #2 _____

- "Of the church at Cenchreae" implies an _____.
- "Wives likewise" could be "_____ likewise."
 - The _____ qualifications are similar to the _____.
 - This view explains why there are no qualifications for _____.
 - This highlights one of the primary differences between the office of an _____ and the office of a _____.

- The early church appointed _____.

2. Warning (17-20)

"Watch out...avoid them!"

- Their _____(17)
- Their _____(18)

"Does ill, speaks well." Morris

How should we respond? (19)

"I want to see you _____ in good, and not even _____ in evil." J.B. Phillips

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." (20)

"I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord." (22)