

Sermon Scripture Passage: Romans 16:1-7

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, 2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. 5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. 6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.

1 Corinthians 14:33-36

33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, 34 the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. 35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

Scripture References:

2 Peter 3:15-16

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:20-22

20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

Question: **When is a time you needed to listen quietly rather than speak?**

The Apostle Paul was the key figure in the early church and in _____ Christianity.

First – Paul learned from his teacher _____ a positive view of women

Second – Paul included women as _____ of the body of Christ

Third – Paul offers a vision of marriage that was of mutual _____ and _____!

Fourth - Paul gladly _____ with women in the work of proclaiming the gospel.

1 Corinthians 14:33-36 – *What is your initial reaction to this passage?*

The Context of 1 Corinthians 14: *What issues is Paul addressing in this chapter?*

To interpret 14:33-36 as an _____ against women speaking at all in church does not _____ with Paul’s earlier teaching in 1 Corinthians 11 or how Paul _____ in his ministry

Romans 16: Paul praises women and instructs the church to _____ their work.

Phoebe is a _____ of the church at Cenchreae

He calls her a “*Prostatis*” - a guardian – _____ – or “a woman set over others”

Priscilla with her husband Aquila _____ the church and _____ their lives.

Junia was a fellow _____ and was noteworthy _____ the apostles.

1 Cor. 12:20-22 – There are different views in the larger church on what leadership _____ are open for women, but Scripture is clear that we are not to be _____ of fellow believers.

2 Peter 3:15-16 – *What does the apostle Peter say about Paul’s teaching?*

Answers for the blanks:

- Defining
- The Rabbi Gamaliel
- Full members
- Dependence and Love
- Partnered
- Injunction
- Fit
- Operated
- Honor
- Deacon/Servant/Minister
- Protector
- Taught
- Risked
- Prisoner
- Among
- Roles
- Dismissive
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The Context of 1 Corinthians 14: *What issues is Paul addressing in this chapter?*

- Interruptions in the worship and teaching time that was leading to disorder.
- Speaking in tongues that was not interpreted
- Prophets who were competing to get their message delivered
- Wives, who had not received the same education, asking questions that could be better answered at home.

2 Peter 3:15-16 – *What does the apostle Peter say about Paul's teaching?*

- Peter says Paul has wisdom given to him by God
- But that he at times can be hard to understand
- And that some will misuse and distort his teaching