



“Insignificant People or Glorious Saints”

Romans 16:1-2

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1. Phoebe is....

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea;
2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. [Rom 16:1-2 NASB95]

1) ..._____ by Paul to the Roman Church...

✳ ...in a 1st Century letter of _____.

✳ ...to be received in a manner worthy of a _____.

2) ..._____...

✳ ...by a Gentile name of _____ god, “bright & radiant”

✳ ...as our dear _____ in the church.

✳ ...as a helper she _____ the cause of Christ.

3) ..._____ of the church at Cenchrea.

✳ ...a deacon in a _____ sense or an _____ sense?

▶ Deacon like the term nurse doesn't designate _____.

▶ The term for woman/wife [_____] doesn't help.

- 11 **Women** [must] likewise [be] dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. [1Ti 3:11 NASB95]
- 11 **Wives**, likewise, should be worthy of respect, not slanderers, self-controlled, faithful in everything. [1Ti 3:11 CSB]

► **Reasons...** [1 Tim 3:8-13]

- (1) Verse 11's placement is between designated qualifications for deacons.
- (2) It is not a separate category with qualifications as deacons and elders.
- (3) Gynaikas is used rather than diakonos with a feminine article.
- (4) There are no unique requirements for a separate office.
- (5) Paul's teaching on women not teaching or having authority over men.
12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. [1Ti 2:12]

✱ **...not worshipping or serving _____.**

2. Why we should study chapter 16.

1) All scripture is _____.

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. [2Ti 3:16-17]

2) Paul _____ "love one another."

3) Paul _____ within the body of Christ.

20 But now there are many members, but one body. ... 27 Now *you are Christ's body*, and *individually members of it*. [1Co 12:20, 27 NASB95]

4) They are not _____ people.

27 "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; *you are greatly mistaken*." [Mar 12:27 NASB95]