

Romans 16:1-23

The Importance of Women

1) The Valuable Place of Women

- a) Equal in Worth – Gen 1:27, Gal 3:28, 1 Pet 3:7

- b) Distinct in Role – Gen 2:18,22, 1 Cor 11:3,8-10, 1 Tim 2:12-13

- c) Broad Place in Redemptive History

2) Junia, Female Apostle ?? – v. 7

- a) “Junia”

- b) “known to” or “known among”

- c) “the apostles”
 - Generic – John 13:16, 2 Cor 8:23, Phil 2:25, Heb 3:1
 - The Twelve+ - Acts 1-12
 - Wider Group – 1 Cor 15:5-8, Gal 2:5, 1 Cor 9:5, Acts 14:4,14, 2 Cor 11:5,13, 12:11, Rev 2:2

3) Phoebe, Female Deacon ?? – v. 1

- a) *diakonos*

- b) 1 Tim 3 Deacons

Praxis

1. What can be done to encourage the ministry of women within the church?
2. What specific women have you personally benefited from their ministry to you? How should you respond to this?
3. Consider the Danvers Statement at www.cbmw.org, especially Affirmation 4 & 6... what observations / applications do you make?