

Bond between brethren ... ?

Social? ... Culture? ... Racial? ... Economic? ... Blood (family)?

In NT –

common *FAITH, HOPE, LOVE* for *GOD*

Romans 16

1 ...our **sister** Phoebe, who is a **servant of the church**... **2** that you receive her **in the Lord**
3 **Greet** P. & A., my **fellow workers in Christ Jesus**, ... **5** also ...**the church** ... **Greet** Ep. ... the **first convert to Christ** ... **6** **Greet** M., who has **worked hard for you**. **7** **Greet** A. and J., ...who are **outstanding among the apostles**, ... **in Christ** before me. **8** **Greet** A., my beloved **in the Lord**. **9** **Greet** U., our **fellow worker in Christ** ...

- 10 Greet A., the approved in Christ ...**
- 11 Greet ... h. of N., who are in the Lord.**
- 12 Greet T. & T., workers in the Lord. Greet P. ... who has worked hard in the Lord.**
- 13 Greet R., a choice man in the Lord ...**
- 14 Greet A., P., H., P., H. & the brethren ...**
- 15 Greet P. & J., N. ...& O., & all the saints**
- 16 Greet one another ...**

Contrast v17...!

“17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances **contrary to the teaching which you learned, and **turn away from them**.**

18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.”

1Co 16:19-21 ... *contrast* 22 !

2Co 13:11-12 ... *contrast* 12:20-21 !

1 ...our sister **Phoebe**...servant of the church...
3 **Prisca & Aquila**...fellow workers in Christ Jesus ...
5 **Epaenetus**...convert to Christ... 6 **Mary**...worked hard for you. 7 **Andronicus & Junias**...outstanding among the apos....in Christ... 8 **Ampliatius**...beloved in the Lord. 9 **Urbanus**...fellow worker in Christ, & **Stachys**... 10 **Apelles**... approved in Christ... **Aristobulus** 11 ... **Herodion**...**Narcissus**...in the Lord. 12 **Tryphaena & Tryphosa**, workers in the Lord... **Persis**...worked hard in the Lord. 13 **Rufus**...in the Lord ...his mother & mine 14 **Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas**... 15 **Philologus & Julia, Nereus & his sister & Olympas**, & all the saints ...

27 names! “brothers” & “sisters” (10)

1Pt 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the **truth** purified your souls **for** [“unto” KJV; “in” NKJV] **a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another** from the heart, **23 FOR** you have been born again ... **through the living and enduring word of God.**

1Pt 4:3-4... “**NOT run with them...**” “Surprised” NAS
“Stange” NKJV

1Pt 4:7-11 “... Above all, **keep fervent in your love for one another ...**”

1Jn 2:9-11 “**loves his brother** abides in the **light** ... But the one who **hates his brother** is in the **darkness**”

“brother”? **1Jn 2:3-6** **1Jn 3:11-12**

Jesus! Mt 12:46-50 “...whoever **does the will of My Father** who is in heaven, he is **My brother and sister and mother.**”

Mt 25:40 “**these brothers of mine**”—
criteria of judgment!

Gal 3:28

Heb 13:1