

Love for the Saints, Part 1

John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 16.

B. Paul expresses his love for his fellow believers in several ways.

II. His commendation.

A. Paul commends Phoebe to the Roman Christian.

1. She was a member of the body of Christ. (Ephesians 6)
2. She is described as a deaconess. There would have been high expectations of deaconesses.
3. We are to provide all the resources necessary for other believers for whatever transactions are necessary.

C. Paul commends Priscilla and Aquilla.

1. These were his friends in the tent making business who were willing to die for him.
2. They opened their home for the use of the church.

D. He considered Andronicus and Junias outstanding among the apostles.

E. Narcissus was possibly a slave of the Roman emperor showing the reach of the Christian faith.

III. His cordiality.

IV. His caution.

Application Questions:

1. How can you better commend believers in your life?

2. In what ways can we commend other believers without words?

3. What are some of the benefits of regularly commending believers? Explain.
