

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING THE LORD: HIS CHURCH AND HIS PEOPLE

I. Some Introductory Notes

A. The Background for this study...developments in modern culture and excesses in many directions.

B. The Composition of the Body of Christ

1. Believers, gifted to serve, privileged to witness, challenged to worship

2. There are some properties common to all:

- a. reality of salvation
- b. assurance of hope
- c. reception of gift
- d. fellowship with the Deity
- e. the eternal promises
- f. the challenge of obedience
- g. the spiritual invitation to worship and service.

3. There are certain distinctions where individuality of performance will differ:

- a. family roles
- b. societal expression
- c. behavioral patterns

(and probably a lot more things in both categories if I were quick enough to recognize them)

C. A New Testament Picture: Romans 16

(The company of believers at Rome...many, no doubt, the result of the ministry of Peter, but a considerable company to which Paul has written this epistle and identified many of the company.)

1. The composition: