



WATCH OUT FOR TROUBLEMAKERS

In Romans 16:17 – 20 there's a sudden change of tone. Paul breaks off from writing his closing greetings to give the believers in Rome, and us, a very necessary warning.

◆ What does Paul mean by “divisions and offences” (verse 17)?

◆ What is it that Paul has taught previously in his letter that causing divisions and offences goes against?

◆ What is the big, underlying, problem with people who cause divisions and offences (verse 18a)?

- ◆ What is it that makes such people so dangerous (verse 18b)?

- ◆ When Paul says “avoid” such people what do you think he means us to do?

- ◆ What is Paul’s advice with regard to recognising the kind of troublemakers he is warning about (verse 19)?

- ◆ What reassurance does he give us (verse 20)?

- ◆ List some examples of the kind of people who may be divisive in a church or put stumbling blocks in the way of others.