

A Clear and Present Danger

Romans 16:17-18

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Introduction:

Paul interrupts his final greetings with an urgent appeal for the protection and preservation of unity in the church:

i. Paul identifies an ever-present threat to the church (17):

People who bring about

a. **the dismantling of unity**

b. **a departure from truth**

II. **Paul commands a fitting Christian response (17):**

a. **Christians are to mark them out.**

b. **Christians are to shun them.**

III. **Paul provides a revealing explanation (18).**

a. **Such infiltrators are themselves enslaved.**

b. **And they skillfully ensnare others.**