Fundamentals of the Faith #17
The Role of Women
Romans 16:1-4
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Thesis: I want to show some fundamentals about what the Bible teaches concerning the role of women in the church.

Intro: 1. When speaking of fundamentals of the Faith, the role of women in the church is an important and often misunderstood aspect.

   2. Too often we focus on the negative and not the positive aspect of the role of women in the church.

I. Biblical Examples of Women of Great Value
   1. Priscilla (Acts 18:24-26)
   2. Phoebe (Rom 16:1-2)
   4. Lydia (Acts 16:14,40)
   5. Lois & Eunice (2 Tim 1:5)

II. What can Women scripturally do?
   1. Teach & Train other women (Titus 2:3-5)
   2. Teach privately (Acts 18:24-26), and publicly among a female only gathering (Ladies days)
   3. A vital companion & helper (Gen 2:18)
   4. Lead an unbelieving husband to God (1 Pt 3:1-6)

III. Abuses & Dangers of the role of women in the church (Rev 2:20-21)
   1. Women teaching in audience of men & women
   2. Women leading worship activities
   3. Women serving as an elder or deacon

IV. Lessons for us today.
   A. Ladies are a vital part to the church & to leaders of the church.
      1. Ladies not only labor in the kingdom within God’s outlined role, but also support leaders of the church who do the same.
      2. The church needs those who love and support those who stand for truth.
      3. It’s easier to stand for truth when you are support by good brethren.
   B. All roles in the church has limitations, this is God’s design.
      1. The role that men have in the church has its limitations as well. A man may be an elder, deacon, or preacher but he cannot and will not ever be the head of the church or a local congregation.
      2. All members must labor within their God given roles or err in doing otherwise.
Application & Conclusion:
1. The role of women in the church is vital and important in the local congregation and for the kingdom of God.
2. Let us not be fooled into thinking ladies are not important or that the church some how oppresses women.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:
Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17
Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16
Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9
Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4
Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:
Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3
Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9