

ROMANS
OUR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2015-2016

To God Be the Glory for His Gospel
Romans 16:25-27
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Purpose: That God would be glorified by a united, missional church humbled under gospel grace.

Outline of Romans:

1. Coming under gospel grace (Ch 1-4)
2. Living under gospel grace (Ch 5-8)
3. Overflow of gospel grace (Ch 9-11)
4. Shaped and strengthened by gospel grace (Ch 12-16)

If God magnifies his glory by making us strong by His gospel, we must treasure that gospel for...

I. Its supernatural power

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel...

- A. The Gospel is divinely powerful to strengthen believers.
- B. The Gospel is divinely powerful to save all who believe. cf. Romans 1:16-17
- C. How does God strengthen us by His gospel?
The gospel makes us firm, strong, and stable:
our faith (against error),
our holiness (against temptation),
our courage (against persecution).
- D. Implication: You never outgrow your need for the gospel.

II. Its Christo-centric focus

...and the preaching of Jesus Christ...

cf. Romans 1:1-4, 14 *...set apart for the gospel of God, ... concerning **his Son**, ...was declared to be **the Son of God** ... **Jesus Christ our Lord**... So I am eager to preach the gospel to you....*

III. Its divinely-revealed nature

- A. The gospel is a revealed mystery.
... according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed...
- B. The gospel is a fulfilled prophecy.
...and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations ...
cf. Romans 1:2
- C. Implication: The gospel is to be preached from every text of Scripture.

IV. Its World-wide Proclamation

...and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations according to the command of the eternal God,...

cf. Romans 1:5c

A. The scope for gospel proclamation.

“There is no magic in small plans. When I consider my ministry, I think of the world. Anything less than that would not be worthy of Christ nor of His will for my life.”

Henrietta Mears, 1890-1963

B. The ways for gospel proclamation.

1. The wealthy patronage of Phoebe
2. The tender mothering of Rufus’ mother
3. The gracious hospitality of Gaius.

V. Its life-transforming aim

...to bring all nations to the obedience of faith.

cf. Romans 1:5

Obedience is the fruit of faith and shows itself in character and conduct.

VI. Its God-glorifying result

²⁷ *to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

A. Salvation by God’s grace alone for God’s glory alone.

B. God deserves all the glory as the originator and sustainer of salvation.