

"Doxology -- The End Of Romans"
Romans 16:21-27

The Gospel's Purpose. Rom 16:25

1. To establish (*sterizo*) us before God.
 - ◆ To make something immovable. To make something strong.
 - ◆ Romans 1:11. *For I long to see you in order that...you may be established;*
2. The Gospel established us before God in that it *justifies* us.
 - ◆ To stand before God I must not have any sin on my record. Gal 4:4,5
 - ◆ To go into heaven I must be as good as God. II Cor 5:21.
3. The Gospel establishes us before God in *sanctifying* us.
 - ◆ The Gospel *strengthens* our character.
 - ◆ It's God's tool in discipleship!
 - ◆ Acts 14:21-22; 15:41; I Cor 1:8; II Cor 1:21; Col 2:7; I Thess 3:2,13; II Thess 2:17
4. The Gospel is God's *powerful* tool to justify & sanctify.
 - ◆ To Him who is able (*dunamai*)
 - ◆ See Rom 1:4,16. *The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.*

The Gospel's Focus. Rom 16:25

1. Paul's Gospel is the proclamation of *Christ*.
 - ◆ Rom 1:1-2. *Paul...set apart for the gospel...concerning His Son.*
 - ◆ He preached *Christ*. Everything (all morals, all doctrine) revolve around Christ.
2. Paul's Gospel did not add to Christ, take away from Christ, or distract from Christ.

The Gospel's Source. Rom 16:25-26

1. A mystery (*musterion*): A previously hidden revelation -- now made known.
 - ◆ Christ was anticipated (in the OT) but not fully revealed until *now*. Scripture!
 - ◆ Rom 1:2-3 *which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh*
2. No one became a Christian because he figured it out -- it is a *revealed* religion. Scripture!

The Gospel's Sphere. Rom 16:26

1. To *all* the nations. Anyone, *any* sinner (Jew or Greek) who believes.
2. Rom 1:5. *to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake.*

The Gospel's Call. Rom 16:26.

1. The one thing you must do is believe. John 6:29; I Jn 3:23.
2. The only thing you need do is believe.
3. Rom 1:5. *to bring about the obedience of faith among all.*

The Gospel's Result. Rom 16:27

1. Rom 1:5. *to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake.*
2. The glory & honor of God is the purpose, focus, and end of history.
 - ◆ Only in the true Gospel does God receive all the glory
 - ◆ All have sinned against His glory & deserve damnation.
 - ◆ God in mercy has given us His Son who bore our sin & judgment.
 - ◆ God in mercy calls us to only believe, only in His Son & we shall be saved
 - ◆ God in mercy enabled us to believe when we were stiff-necked rebels.
 - ◆ God in mercy will preserve His own (in faith & obedience) until the end.
3. Soli Deo Gloria!!