

**LAST WORDS**  
**ROMANS 16:17-27**  
**11/9/25**

**I. WATCH OUT**

*Romans 16:17 - "I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them."*

**A. Divisive doctrine**

1. Doctrine contrary to the Gospel that was taught
2. Avoid them

**B. Why?**

*Romans 16:18 - "For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive."*

1. They deceive and serve themselves

**C. How do I watch out?**

*Romans 16:19 - "For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil."*

1. Obedience with discernment
  - Be wise as to what is good
  - Be innocent of evil things

**D. Promise of a victorious life**

*Romans 16:20 - "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*

1. Reference to the first Gospel
2. God uses us as agents to crush Satan

**II. GLORIFY GOD**

*Romans 16:25-27 - "Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen."*

### **A. Why is God worthy of Glory?**

1. God strengthens us in the Gospel
  - The Gospel reveals God's eternal glory
2. God has eternal redemptive plans

### **B. It is our chief end to glorify Him**

## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think Paul ends his letter to the Romans with a warning about false teachers? How can that warning still be valid today in 2025?
3. How can we guard against divisive and false teaching in the church today?
4. Why is it so important to remain "innocent of evil"? How do we protect and guard our hearts and minds from evil all around us today?
5. What are some evil things that you have had to avoid for your own edification?
6. In your life specifically, why is God deserving of glory?
7. Paul tells us in the doxology that God is the one who "strengthens us according to the Gospel". How does this statement encourage you as you share and live out the Gospel? Knowing that God strengthens us for this task...How does it change what you pray and ask God for?
8. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you accomplish that?