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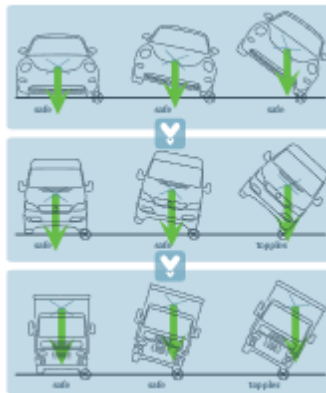
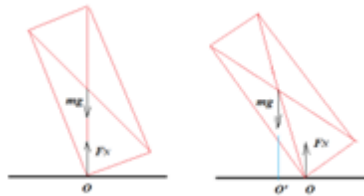
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Romans 16:25-27: Establish You, Strengthen You, Secure You...

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Topping



Low center of mass is good – won't tip over.

High center of mass is bad – easy to tip over.



Rains came, winds blew, but my house was built on you.
I'm safe with you, I'm going to see it through. (Firm Foundation)

We have been going through Romans since January of 2023 and today November 2023, we are going to finish it. And in these last three verses, Paul wants to praise God because God has made us secure in the gospel.

#1: God is able to establish you (secure you, strengthen you, keep you from falling) through the Gospel! (Romans 16:25)

What is the Gospel?

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” (Romans 1:16)

What is this thing that can save us and establish us?

What is the Gospel?

G – God created us to be with Him.

O – Our sins separate us from God.

S – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds (or religion).

P – Paying the price for our sins, Jesus died and rose again.

E – Everyone who trusts in Him will have eternal life.

L – Life eternal starts now with Jesus and lasts forever (You are secure in Him!).

#2: It was a mystery, hidden for long ages past, but now revealed. (Romans 16:25-26)

What does it mean that the Gospel was a mystery?

“...the Gospel is something no human being could have guessed. In the past it was entirely hidden in the mind of God. In fact, when God began to reveal it during the Old Testament period, the details were puzzling even to the prophets to whom the revelation was given, for they were unable fully to understand what God's Spirit had caused them to write. We understand it only because Jesus has now come.”
(James Montgomery Boice)

Example: In 700 BC, God moved the prophet Isaiah to write:

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)



Now, we understand how He (Jesus) would be pierced, crushed, and how by his wounds we would be healed!

He did this so that every nation, everyone, might be saved and be established securely in Jesus Christ.

#3: To God Be the Glory

Look at verse 27 again... to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Who gets all the credit? Who deserves all the glory?

#4: Amen! (Romans 16:27)

*There is no one righteous, not even one. (Romans 3:10) **Amen!***

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
(Romans 3:23) **Amen!***

*Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God...
(Romans 5:1) **Amen!***

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)
Amen!*

*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... (Romans 8:1) **Amen!***

*“Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”
(Romans 8:38–39) **Amen!***

*If you declare with your mouth “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9) **Amen!***

*...in view of God’s mercy offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.
(Romans 12:1) **Amen!***

*...to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!
(Romans 16:27) **Amen!***

Are you secure in Christ?

The Gospel

- Makes you secure – you will not fall.
- Was hidden but now it has been revealed so all can believe and be saved!
- is all to God’s glory through Jesus Christ!

Amen!

Home Groups

In Romans 16:25, Paul glorifies God by saying: “Now to him who is able to **establish** you in accordance with my Gospel...”

The word translated “establish” here occurs 14 times in the New Testament (sometimes translated with strengthen, strength, set in place, resolutely, stand firm, firmly - not always translated into the English word “establish”). Look up verse below that has our word to help understand how the word is used and how we are to understand how the gospel “establishes” us.

Luke 22:32

Acts 18:23

1 Thessalonians 3:2

1 Thessalonians 3:13

2 Thessalonians 2:17

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Revelation 3:2

Romans 1:11

1 Peter 5:10

Luke 16:26

Luke 9:51

Romans 16:25

James 5:8

2 Peter 1:12