

“Roamin’ Thru Romans”-Part 71 (7/20/25 p.m.)

This evening, we will conclude our study of **chapter 16**.

Introduction:

A lengthy closing section concludes the epistle to the Romans.

Some believe the closing began in the previous chapter when Paul started speaking of his trip to Rome.

Romans 16 may be divided into five major parts as follows:

- A. The *Recommendation* of a Sister (Romans 16:1, 2).
- B. The *Salutation* to the Saints (Romans 16:3-16, 21-23).
- C. The *Exhortation* on the *Strange* (Romans 16:17-20).
- D. The **Exaltation** of the *Sovereign* (Romans 16:25-27).
- E. The **Termination** of the *Script* (Romans 16:20, 24, 27).

Subject: Part 1 Tonight: “The Exaltation of the Sovereign”

Scripture Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Introduction:

Paul's closing words which could be said to be his final benediction, form a *doxology* about God and give instructive information about God.

Men need to know about God more than anything else, yet they ignore and mock the knowledge of God.

1. God's Power (Romans 16:25)

"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel" (Romans 16:25).

Paul's desire was to spiritually **strengthen** the saints in Rome (Romans 1:11) by his coming.

However, ultimately, it is God Who would **strengthen** the saints in Rome in the Gospel experience.

2. God's Preaching (Romans 16:25)

"The preaching of Jesus Christ" (Romans 16:25).

This is the Gospel message.

Preaching Jesus Christ is part of the work of the Gospel.

If you do not preach Jesus Christ, you are not preaching the Gospel and you are not preaching God's message.

3. God's Provision (Romans 16:25)

"The revelation of the mystery" (Romans 16:25).

A mystery in the Bible is something that is unknown until revealed by God to man.

The Gospel was unknown to man until it was revealed to man through the Scriptures.

4. **God's Prophets** (Romans 16:25, 26)

"...kept secret since the world begin, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known..." (Romans 16:25, 26).

The Gospel was revealed through the prophetic Scriptures, but the Gospel was not made known until Christ had come to earth and opened the hearts of mankind to discern the Scriptures about His mission.

5. **God's Precept** (Romans 16:26)

"... according to the commandment" (Romans 16:26).

The command of God controlled everything about the revelation of the Gospel.

Everything was done as He commanded.

Even the crucifixion was not done as men wanted but as God commanded.

6. **God's Perpetuity** (Romans 16:26)

"The everlasting God" (Romans 16:26).

God has been around awhile and will stay around awhile.

At times many men seem to think they are so smart in denying the existence of God.

But they will all one day learn that God was existing all the time while these anti-God men existed on earth.

7. **God's Purpose** (Romans 16:26)

"...for obedience to the faith" (Romans 16:26).

Being obedient to the faith is another way of saying a person has “gotten saved” or has “obeyed the call of God” to turn to Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the Gospel, which these verses have been speaking about, was to save souls (*"obedience of faith"*).

8. **God's Perspicuity** (Romans 16:27)

"... to God, alone wise" (Romans 16:27).

No one is so wise as God.

It was His wisdom that planned the Gospel and that brought creation into existence.

9. **God's Praise** (Romans 16:27)

"To God... be glory through Jesus Christ forever" (Romans 16:27).

This is the summation of doxology.

The Greek word translated "*glory*" gives us via transliteration our English word doxology.

Jesus Christ is equal to God. If you glorify Jesus, you glorify God.

If you truly glorify God, you will glorify Jesus.

Part 2 tonight: **"The Termination of the Script"**

Romans 16:20, 24, 27

Romans 16:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. **Amen.**

Romans 16:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. **Amen.**

Romans 16:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. **Amen.**

Three times in this chapter there is an "*Amen*."

The last verse of chapter 15 also ends with "*Amen*."

The word can be used to indicate a termination in either the subject matter or of the epistle itself.

In this last chapter, "*Amen*" is used as an intended termination of the epistle.

1. **The Stress in the Termination (Romans 16:20, 24)**

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you" (Romans 16:20, 24).

These two benedictions put the stress on Divine grace.

Paul especially recognized that he was an object of Divine grace, and apart from grace, he would never have been saved.

In view of his past, one can understand his emphasis on grace.

2. **The Savior in the Termination (Romans 16:20, 24, 27)**

"Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 16:20, 24) and *"Jesus Christ"* (Romans 16:27).

In all three of the benedictions, Jesus Christ is prominent.

Jesus Christ is the focal point of all true doctrine.

He is the focal point of the Gospel.

A religion that leaves out Christ is not only bogus but worthless.

Closing: HALLELUJAH! We have finished the Book!

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