

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

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²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

(Romans 16:25-27)

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“Doxology”

- a word/phrase ascribing glory to God
- doxologies express the truth that everything exists and happens ultimately to display the glory of God
- Romans is the only letter Paul concludes with a doxology

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Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son, ... Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

(Romans 1:1-5)

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“Paul ends his majestic letter to the Romans with a doxology in praise of the God who has in the gospel of Jesus Christ revealed the climax of salvation history.”

– Doug Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, p. 937

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The Doxology

1. God establishes you through the gospel
 - God is able to strengthen you and make you firm in your faith; keep you from falling
 - the gospel is the source of this strengthening

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The Doxology

2. God reveals “the mystery” by the gospel
 - “mystery” in the Bible is something hidden or obscure that has now been made known
 - the mystery revealed is the inclusion of Gentiles (and ultimately Israel) as God’s people through the death and resurrection of the Messiah
 - the Old Testament Scriptures make known the mystery as fulfilled in Christ

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The Doxology

3. God purposes the salvation of the nations
 - the revealing of the mystery at the appointed time is by God’s determination and authority
 - the purpose of making know the mystery is that people from all the nations may believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ...to the glory of God!

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