

A Fitting End to the Most Important Letter. Ever.

Romans 16:25–27

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The end is here! This message concludes our series, *Healthy: Life & Church in Romans 12-16*.

Romans is the most important letter ever written?

What have we learned from Romans 12—16?

Doxology. Our passage today is a doxology, which is a word or hymn of praise.

- We end by returning to the topic that started our series in 12:1 – worship!

Today’s passage:

16:25 **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 26 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— 27 to the only wise God be glory** forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

[1] “Glory” (verse 27)

- Note the structure: “Now to him... [lots of words in between]... to the only wise God be glory!”
- What is glory? The beginning of an answer is to recognize that the Hebrew word for glory means “weighty”

[2] “Strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ” (verse 25)

- Christians need the gospel, too! (But why? To be strengthened!)
- The importance of preaching (— countercultural to believe this today!)

[3] “the mystery... now disclosed through the prophetic writings”

- It was right there all along in the Old Testament! But we didn’t see it...

[4] “Obedience of faith”

- Is obedience a bad word? It shouldn’t be! It goes hand-in-hand with faith.

Final thoughts and application