

Sola Deo Gloria: To Him, Through Jesus Christ

Romans 16:25–27

How Paul Opens the Letter

¹¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for **the gospel of God**,
²which he **promised beforehand** through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,
⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about **the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations**, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸First, **I thank my God through Jesus Christ** for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in **the gospel of his Son**, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift **to strengthen you**— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.** ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

How Paul Closes the Letter

Glory Now to him ... be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ. Amen. (25a, 27b)

Power

Who is able to strengthen you (*plural “you”*) (25b)
according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ

*“strengthen”:
stabilize, support,
confirm, establish*

Wisdom

Who is the only wise God (27a, 25c–26)
according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 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

*Good news that Jesus is the Christ
who saves believing Jews and Gentiles:*

Concealed, but now revealed

AND

Promised, and now fulfilled