



PART 60
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“Now to him who is able to strengthen (establish) 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 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 - to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.”

- ✳ **Doxology** | doxa (glory) + logia (word)
- ✳ **A Doxology in the church usually refers to** a Scripture passage, hymn, creed, or saying that expresses glory to God.

PRAISE GOD WHO

Romans 16:25a, *Now to him who is able to strengthen (establish) you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ...*

- ✳ **Is Able To** | dunamai: miraculous power, ability, strength.
- ✳ **Strengthen** | sterizo: to make firm, to set fast, establish.
- ✳ **The Gospel is both the entry point** into the Christian life and **the way we grow in Christ**.
- ✳ **This is not an exhortation to be stronger**, but a reminder that it is God who gives us spiritual strength.
- ✳ **As Paul concludes the letter to the Romans**, he wants to remind us that our salvation and sanctification are the work of God, not us!

Philippians 1:6, *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 3:16-19, *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

PRAISE GOD WHO

Romans 16:25b, *...according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages*

- ✳ **Mystery** | musterion: a secret or mystery; from a word meaning “to shut the mouth”.
- ✳ **The most common “mystery” in the New Testament**: Through faith in Jesus, Gentiles are as fully saved as are believing Jews, and they are made into one spiritual family.

Genesis 12:3, *And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.*

Romans 16:26, *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*

Ephesians 3:2-6, *Surely you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.*

- ✳ **The same God who orchestrated human history and revealed Himself in Jesus**, is the same God Who has called you to Himself and made you his child.

PRAISE GOD WHO

Romans 16:27, *to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

- ✳ **There will be no cessation** of God's glory!
- ✳ **The most gloriously perfect and beautiful thing in existence is God**, and his glory will never end.
- ✳ **Alistair Begg** | "The best of men are men at best."

John 11:38-45, *Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,*

- ✳ **The story of Lazarus reminds us** that God doesn't simply change our circumstances; **He changes us!**

A FEW THINGS TO PONDER AND APPLY:

- ✳ **Where do I need to seek God's wisdom today?** In what situation do I need to trust that He is all-wise, and believe that He will work all things for my good? How will I put this into practice this week?
- ✳ **How will I bring glory to God this week** through the things I think, say, and do?