

“THE ONLY WISE GOD MATTERS”

Romans 16:21-27

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I. Where should we look for strength? (vv. 25)

“him who is able to strengthen you”

“according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ”

Caligula → Claudius → Nero

Look to the _____ as the _____ of God to _____ us.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Galatians 1:15-16

“If we believe the gospel, God is working powerfully through it, in us. We need never move away from it.” -Tim Keller

“The gospel is how God changes people and futures.” -Tim Keller

*“The benefits of the gospel are **in Christ. They do not exist apart from him.** They are ours only in him.”* -Sinclair Ferguson

“First, we must understand that as long as Christ remains outside of us, and we are separated from him, all that he has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race remains useless and of no value to us.” -John Calvin

“All that he possesses is nothing to us until we grow into one body with him.” -John Calvin

II. What is this gospel we are to look to? (vv. 17-26)

“according to the revelation of the mystery”.

“kept secret for long ages, but has now been disclosed”

“according to the command of the eternal God”

Promises → Fulfillment in Christ → Proclaimed → Faith (J) → Obedience (S)

The gospel of Jesus has been revealed to be _____ & _____.

1 Peter 1:10-11

"The gospel is revealed truth, not human wisdom."

-Leon Morris

"An eternal God works out an eternal purpose."

-Leon Morris

III. Where should we look for wisdom in uncertain times (vv. 27)

Him who is able → the eternal God → *"the only wise God"*

"be glory forevermore through Jesus".

Fear of the Lord → wisdom (Proverbs) → obedience to God (Deuteronomy 4)

The only wise God gets _____ thru the _____ of Jesus.

Deuteronomy 4:6

Proverbs 9:10

1 Corinthians 1:30-31; 3:19-20

James 1:5-6; 3:13

"The proper response to the gospel is faith, as Paul has stressed throughout his letter, but it is a faith which itself is obedient and which issues in a life of obedience."

-John Stott

"They will worship him for his power and wisdom displayed in salvation."

-John Stott

"Our obedience to Him must always come from thankful hearts. We gladly and willingly give our Father whatever He asks of us precisely because He loves us ... It is to be willing service engaged in from a heart that has fallen in love with the One who first loved us."

-Derek Thomas

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