

Romans 16:25-27

LVII. The Unveiling of God's Secret

A. Established Through the Gospel - vs 25a

1. Now to Him who is able to establish you

a. God is able - has sufficient power

b. **sterizo** - to set fast, turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm:--fix, (e-)stablish, steadfastly set, strengthen.

i. in context - to make mentally settled or firmly rooted - 2Ti 1:12

ii. A request of Paul for the Ephesians - Eph 3:16-19

2. according to my gospel

a. not his own personal gospel, he received it by revelation - Gal 1:11-12

b. the preaching of any other Gospel brings a curse - Gal 1:8-9

3. Sinful man - Ro 1-3

a. suppresses the truth in unrighteousness - Ro 1:18-19 - exchanges the glory of the incorruptible God - Ro 1:23

b. God gave them over - Ro 1:24,26a,28

c. no partiality with God - 2:22 - judges according to relationship w/ the law - 2:12

d. No one righteous, all have sinned - 3:10,23 - no flesh justified in His sight 3:20

B. The Gospel, Proclaiming Jesus Christ - vs 25b

1. The only Gospel that establishes - Ro 1:16; 1 Co 15:1-4

2. and the preaching of Jesus Christ,

a. Paul's life commitment - 1 Co 1:23-24

b. Jesus as Lord - Ro 10:9,17; 2 Co 4:5-6

3. The Blessings of the Gospel - Ro 3:21-8:39

a. Of Salvation - righteousness by faith - 3:22; Justified - 3:24; righteousness reckoned - 4:24; peace - 5:1; gift of eternal life - 6:23

b. Of Sanctification - identification and union with Christ - 6:8; released from the Law to serve in the newness of the Spirit - 7:6; indwelt by the Holy Spirit - 8:9; life in the Spirit - 8:11; led by the Spirit - 8:14; have become children of God - 8:16; have the first-fruits of the Spirit - 8:23; interceded for by the Spirit - 8:26; can't be separated from the love of God - 8:39

C. The Gospel, Revealing God's Mystery - vs 25c-27

1. according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

a. **mysterion** - a secret or "mystery" - that which had not been revealed before

b. part of his job as an apostle - 1 Co 4:1; Eph 3:9; Col 1:25-26

c. a variety of Mysteries in the NT

i. lawlessness - 2 Th 2:7-8

ii. Godliness - 1 Ti 3:16

iii. The Rapture - 1 Co 15:51

- iv. Kingdom of God - Mk 4:11
- v. of Christ's will - Eph 1:9
- vi. Christ - Col 2:2; 4:3
- vii. Christ / the Church - Eph 5:32
- viii. The Gospel - Eph 6:19
- ix. Christ in believers - Col 1:27
- x. of the faith 1 Ti 3:9

2. but now has been made manifest,

a. and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--

i. The Righteous One, My Servant - Is 53:11

ii. The New Covenant - Jer 31:31-34

iii. New spirit, new heart - Eze 11:19

iv. Jews thought that it was all for them, but even the prophets didn't understand all that was being revealed - 1 Pet 1:10-11

v. But God always intended that His grace was to extend to the Gentiles - Ge 12:3; Isa 42:6; 49:6;

b. God made known the riches of His glory upon the vessels of mercy - Ro 9-16

i. not just for the Jews, but for the Gentiles also - 9:23-25

ii. No distinction between Jew or Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all - 10:11-12

iii. The partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in - 11:25

iv. Each must minister to each-other - 12:3-8

v. respecting the Government and acting appropriately in the world - 13

vi. responsibilities of believers to not offend one another's consciences - 14

vii. Extend grace to both Jew and Gentiles - 15

viii. Paul's personal conviction of believer's oneness in Jesus Christ - 16

3. to God,

a. alone wise,

i. the God of the Jews and Gentiles

ii. the God of all creation

iii. Why "alone wise?"

- why not alone loving, powerful, gracious

- God's wisdom emphasized as the only one Who could plan and accomplish this salvation - Eph 3:8-11

b. be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.