

God Is Able

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Romans 16:25–27 (ESV)

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.

Based on everything we have learn in Romans Chapters 1-16, we come to the conclusion that “God is Able!” The Bible shows us nothing is impossible for God. We need to get engaged with HIS program. We are victors, we are powerful, we are an avenue for God in this world. Whatever we face, God is able to strengthen us to overcome every obstacle. Paul’s gospel was according with everything Jesus said.

2 Timothy 2:8 (ESV)

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel.

God opened up the hidden things of Scripture to Paul just as Christ opened up the Scripture to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Galatians 1:12 (ESV)

For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Paul and Jesus revealed the mystery of God's eternal plan that was kept secret for long ages! Now we have the full revelation of the eternal mystery.

Colossians 4:3 (ESV)

Pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.

The mystery revealed was the Unfolding revelation of Christ and the Redemption of man. The purpose of the Bible is to reveal the Unfolding Revelation of Christ and the Redemption of Man. The Apostle Paul fully discloses this mystery in Romans Chapters 1-16, especially Chapters 1-8. Romans 16:26 says, "This mystery of Christ has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations." From the beginning the prophets who prophesied God's truth did not have full understanding of what they said. Therefore, they diligently searched the Scripture inquiring of the mystery of God's plan. Even the angels did not have the full understanding of God's plan and were fascinated as they watched the unfolding of the revelation of Christ and the redemption of man.

1 Peter 1:10–12 (ESV)

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Literally this means the angels “to stoop over to observe.” It implies willingness to exert or inconvenience oneself to obtain a better perspective. Here the present tense gives it a continuous aspect. It means continuous regard rather than a quick look. What the angels and prophets sought to understand, God has revealed to us which Paul has summarized in C.1-16. All this came about by the command of God with the ultimate purpose to bring about the obedience through faith. **Everything centers around Jesus Christ. The problem with the world is that it does not know Christ. Those who reject Christ or incapable of making good moral decisions. This is the problem with the world, the nations, and the Loudoun County school board. Accepting Christ is the beginning of wisdom and morality. The last verse of Romans says it clearly, “To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.”**

Life changing wisdom only comes through the Only Wise God.

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

As we finish Romans, we can say we have the wisdom of God!

1 Corinthians 2:6–7 (ESV)

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

Now from this second onward, we should live as sons of God, Ambassadors of Christ with all the authority and power of God who spoke and created the heavens and earth. We end Romans with a powerful understanding that God is able! We face every situation and obstacle with this confidence and authority.

Ephesians 3:20 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.

All God's people said, "Amen!"