

The Unveiling of God's Secret

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 16:25-27.

B. The Word of God is filled with many doxologies. (Psalm 41, 73, 89, 106:48, 150)

C. Doxologies are important to the life of the church. (Luke 2:13, 19:38, Matthew 6, Ephesians 3:20, Hebrews 13:29, 11:33)

II. This doxology covers the major themes of Romans.

A. The problem of man's sin.

B. The matter of salvation.

C. The Christian life.

III. There is a parallel doxology in chapter 1 of Romans.

IV. The gospel establishes men--Paul praises God for this.

A. This means to call and confirm someone.

B. It deals with the unsettled attitude of the world today.

V. The gospel was given directly to Paul from Jesus.

VI. The gospel deals with the problem of man's sin.

A. The power of God establishes a man.

B. The power of God is the transformed life through Jesus' gospel.

VII. The gospel confirms Jesus Christ who brings peace with God, death to sin, freedom from the law, a new nature, the Holy Spirit and security. (I Corinthians 1, 4:5, Romans 10:17, 5, 6:17, 7:14, 8)

VIII. The gospel is the secret of God made known that the Gentiles would be included in the plan of salvation and would be brought into one body together with the Jews. (Romans 11, Ephesians 3, Genesis 9, Romans 9:24)

IX. The point of God's revelation of His plan of salvation is so that He might reveal His wisdom before powers and principalities.

X. God is the object of the doxologies of the New Testament. (Galatians 1:5, Ephesians 3:21, Philippians 4:20, I Timothy 1:7, 5:11)

A. We must praise God according to the doxologies.

B. We must remember that Christ did not accomplish His work on the cross so that we might continue to live in sin.

Application questions:

1. What role does the gospel play in our praise of God?

2. What specific benefits does the believer gain through the gospel message?

3. Does the content of our praise to God matter all that much? Explain.
