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Glory to God

ROMANS 16:17–27

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ¹⁹ For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

²² I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³ Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

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.

READ | ROMANS 16:17–27

THINK ABOUT

Paul concludes his magnificent letter to the Romans with some final admonitions and greetings. What can we apply to our lives from his concluding remarks?

In verses 17–18, he urges believers to watch out for those “who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary” to the doctrines of Scripture. We must always be on guard for teachings and practices that undermine the truth of God’s Word!

In verses 19–20, he rejoices over the obedience of the Roman believers while at the same time urging them to continue “to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.”

In verses 21–27, we learn that we should extend kind greetings to each other in the Lord and live out the Gospel each day for the glory of God!

APPLY

Meditate carefully upon Paul’s closing admonitions found in these verses. Be a student of the Word, so that you are able lovingly to refute false doctrines of those who seek to cause divisions and create obstacles in the church. Consider practical ways “to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil” (v. 19).

ASK

Are there some areas of my Christian life where I need to be wiser?

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What changes would the Lord want me to make in those areas?

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Whom can I disciple with the wonderful truths I've learned from the book of Romans?

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PRAY

Heavenly Father, I praise You that You have revealed “the mystery that was kept secret for long ages” through our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You for the promise that the “grace of our Lord Jesus Christ” is always with us! To You be the glory forever and ever. Amen!

EPHESIANS 3:1–13

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.



SING

“All the Praise” — *Michael Neal, Travis Ryan*

“GLORY TO GOD”

Romans 16:17-27

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HYMN

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" — PSALM 34:4-8

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O Thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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