

**A Heartfelt Closing: Part 3**  
***Romans 16:25-27*** (Page #951 in Pew Bible)

- I.      **The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the foundation on which God powerfully strengthens and establishes His Church.**  
**(16:25-26)**

Note the **3 “according to” statements** that help in structuring and developing this closing doxology:

- The “strengthening/establishing” that God gives to His Church is **“according to”** the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (**vs. 25**; 1:11-12)
- The “preaching of Jesus Christ” is **“according to”** the openly manifested “revelation” of God. (**vs. 25**; 1:1-6, 18-21; 3:19-26; 5:6)
- This openly manifested “revelation” from God is **“according to”** the “command of the eternal God.” (**vs. 26**)
  - A.      The \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel of Jesus Christ must be clearly preached and boldly proclaimed by the Church.
  - B.      The divine \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be clearly revealed to every nation (or “ethnic people group”).
  - C.      The Church must \_\_\_\_\_ God’s command to make disciples who will also obey His Word \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. The exaltation of the supernatural wisdom and glory of God is foundational to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (16:27)

- 11:33-36

**BIG IDEA:** God will powerfully strengthen Christians and local churches who correctly apply His Gospel to their daily lives.

1 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 3:3; 1 Peter 5:10;  
2 Peter 1:12

### Observations

- *The Epistle to the Romans* focuses on both clarifying the Gospel of Jesus Christ and applying it to the Christian life.
- At Communion, we remember Jesus Christ's substitutional death on the cross to pay the penalty of death for our sin. (Romans 3:10, 23; 5:8-9)
- Only those who believe and obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be allowed into God's eternal Kingdom. (Romans 3:23-25; 6:23; 9:10-15)
- Through obedient faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Christians are declared righteous by God and are called to "live by faith." (Romans 1:17)

### Application

- Praise God for His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ!
- Praise God for His wonderful wisdom and glory!
- As we come to the Lord's Table in Communion, thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His perfect sacrifice for your sin.