

To Him Who Is Able to Strengthen You

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you

according to my gospel (that is, the preaching about Jesus Christ)

according to the revelation of the mystery (kept secret / now
disclosed / made known)

through the prophetic writings

to all nations

according to the command of the eternal God

to bring about the obedience of faith

to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!

Amen.

1. The Message, Part 1 (25a)

Romans 5:6-10

Luke 22:32 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.

Acts 14:21-22 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith.

2. The Means (25b)

Romans 1:8-15

3. The Mystery (25c-26)

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4. The Message, Part 2 (27)

- a. **Paul is saying to us: “God is worthy of being glorified by you for His wise plans to save you and His strength to sustain your faith.”**

- b. **Paul is saying to us: “If you want to glorify God with your life, then seek His strength in the Word of Christ.”**

- c. **Paul is saying to us: “When you are aware of God’s strengthening work in your life, remember to glorify Him.”**

- d. **Paul is praying for us: “God, please strengthen them for your glory.”**

- e. **Paul was glorifying God because He was so grateful that God would strengthen the Roman church.**

1 Corinthians 1:27 *God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.*

Hebrews 4:15-16 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 11:34 *Time would fail me to tell of [those] who ... were made strong out of weakness*

1 Cor. 1:7-9 *You are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3 *The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*

Philippians 1:6 *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 *[Jesus] said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

1 Peter 5:10 *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*