

## **“Paul’s Doxology”**

### **A Study of the Book of Romans**

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**Key Truth:** God’s glory comes through God’s Son according to God’s gospel dwelling in God’s people.

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These verses (vv. 21-27) cover two separate sections for the end of Paul’s letter to the Romans: First, Paul circles back around and extends greetings to the Roman Christians from his fellow workers (vv. 21-23). Second, he proclaims a Doxology of glory to the Almighty God (vv. 25-27). A “doxology” is literally “a word of praise.” Here, Paul offers this doxology to the Almighty God. He does so, following his greetings from his fellow workers, which is a good combination because God’s people join together to praise Him from whom all blessings flow. This word of praise joins with God’s people to return glory back to Him for the grace he’s bestowed on his people.

## **DISCUSS**

Read **Romans 16:21-27** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **“Paul’s Doxology.”**

## **DIG IN**

### **1. Paul’s Co-Laborers**

(Romans 21-24)

What do you notice about these fellow workers of Paul?

An amanuensis is a kind of secretary who took down dictation. Why would Paul need Tertius to fill this role (v. 22)?

Gaius (Romans 16:23) may have been one of the two men Paul baptized in Corinth (see 1 Corinthians 1:14-15). Why would Paul hesitate to baptize new believers himself?

### **2. Paul’s Doxology**

(Romans 16:25-27)

In what ways is the gospel God’s strength to believers (v. 25)? How does God’s good news bring strength?

In what ways was the gospel hidden to the Old Testament saints (v. 25)? In what ways was it revealed in the New Testament?

In what ways does trusting Christ for salvation constitute the obedience of faith (v. 26)?

In what ways is the gospel a doxology—a word of praise—to God?

In what ways is God the only wise God? How does the gospel constitute wisdom from God but foolishness to those who are perishing (see 1 Corinthians 1:18)?

## **DO**

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?