**“Now to Him… Be The Glory Forever.”**

*Key Themes in the Book of Romans*

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1. **Introduction:** The Concluding Doxology of Paul in his letter to the Romans (16:25-27) contains elements of the primary and supporting themes of his letter.
2. **Primary Theme: The Eternal Glory of God:** (Romans 16:25,27): Frames the doxology with the opening and closing words, “Now to Him… be the glory forever. Amen.”
   1. God’s Glory as a theme in Romans:
      1. (Rom. 1:23) – His **Glory** “suppressed” and “exchanged”
      2. (Rom. 3:7) – God’s Truth vs. human lies abound to His **Glory**
      3. (Rom. 3:23) – God’s **Glory** all have fallen short of
      4. (Rom. 4:20) – Abraham’s strength of faith gave **Glory** to God
      5. (Rom. 5:2) – **Glory** of God our hope to rejoice in
      6. (Rom. 6:4) – **Glory** of the Father brings resurrected life
      7. (Rom. 9:23) – Riches of His **Glory** made known to vessels of mercy
      8. (Rom. 11:36) – His wisdom, ways, sufficiency bring Him **Glory**
      9. (Rom. 15:7) – Christ received us to **Glory** of God
   2. Our glory as a pursuit/hope in Romans:
      1. (Rom. 2:7) – Seek for **Glory**
      2. (Rom. 2:10) – **Glory**, honor, and peace for the good doers
      3. (Rom. 5:2) – Rejoicing in hope of **Glory**
      4. (Rom. 8:18) – **Glory** beyond comparison
      5. (Rom. 8:21) – Freedom of the **Glory** of the children of God
      6. (Rom. 9:4) – **Glory** belongs to Israel
3. **Supporting Themes of Romans:** (Romans 16:25-27) contains many supporting themes of Paul’s letter to Rome
   1. “Who is Able” (16:25): **God’s Power / Ability**
      1. (Rom. 1:4) – Jesus declared Son of God with **Power** by Resurrection
      2. (Rom. 1:16) – Gospel is the **Power** of God for Salvation
      3. (Rom. 1:20) – Since Creation God’s Eternal **Power** Seen
      4. (Rom. 4:21) – Abraham Convinced of God Being **Able**
      5. (Rom. 8:7, 8) – Fleshly **Unable** to Be Subject and **Cannot** Please God
      6. (Rom. 8:38,39) – **Powers** Are Not **Able** to Separate Us From God’s Love
      7. (Rom. 9:17) – Pharaoh Raised Up To Demonstrate God’s **Power**
      8. (Rom. 9:22) – God Can Make **Power** Known Through Wrath
      9. (Rom. 11:23) – God **Able** to Graft In Those Who Discontinue Unbelief
      10. (Rom. 14:4) – Lord **Able** to Make Servants Stand
      11. (Rom. 15:13, 14) – Holy Spirit’s Power Increases **Hope** and Makes **Able**
      12. (Rom. 15:19) – **Mighty** Signs and Wonders and **Power** of Spirit Convinced
   2. “To Establish” (16:25): **Our Setting and Stabilization**
      1. (Rom. 1:11) – Paul Desired to Visit to **Establish** Them
      2. **Setting** / **Establishing** / **Strengthening** Important Theme Elsewhere:

(Luke 9:51; Luke 22:32 with 1 Peter 5:12 & 2 Peter 1:12;

1 Thess. 3:2,13; 2 Thess.2:17, 3:3; James 5:8, Revelation 3:2)

* 1. “My Gospel, and the Preaching of Jesus Christ” (16:25): **The Good News**
     1. (Rom. 1:1) – Paul was Set Apart for **Gospel** of God
     2. (Rom. 1:9) – Paul Served in His Spirit by **Gospel**
     3. (Rom 1:15,16) – Eager to **Preach** For He Was Not Ashamed of **Gospel**
     4. (Rom. 2:16) – According to **Gospel**, God Will Judge
     5. (Rom. 10:15,16) – Beautiful Feet **Preach**, Not All Heed **Good** **News**
     6. (Rom. 11:28) – Israel Enemies Concerning **Gospel**
     7. (Rom. 15:16,19,20) – Ministered the **Gospel** Fully Abroad
  2. “The Revelation of the Mystery” (16:25): **The Uncovering of the Secret**
     1. (Rom. 1:17-19) – **Revealed** x2, **Manifested**, **Evident**, **Shown**
     2. (Rom. 2:5) – Day of God’s Righteous Judgment to Be **Revealed**
     3. (Rom. 3:21) – Righteousness of God **Manifested** by Faith in Jesus
     4. (Rom. 8:18) – Glory to Be **Revealed** to/in Us
     5. (Rom. 8:19) – The **Revealing** of The Sons of God
  3. “The Scriptures of the Prophets” (16:26): **Witnesses & Encouragers**
     1. “It is Written” (or equivalent) – (1:2; 1:17; 2:24; 3:4,10,21; 4:6,9,17,18,23; 7:7; 8:36, 9:7,9,12,13,15,17,25,27,29,33; 10:5,6,7,8,11,13,15,16,18,19,20,21; 11:2,4,8,9,26,34,35; 12;19,20; 13:9; 14:11; 15:3,9,10,11,12,21)
     2. (Rom. 1:2) – Gospel Promised Before By **Prophets** in **Scripture**
     3. (Rom. 3:21) – Righteousness of God Witnessed by **Prophets**
     4. (Rom. 15:4-6) – Perseverance, Encouragement, Hope, One Mind & Voice
  4. “Commandment of Eternal God” (16:26): **Promise of Everlasting Life**
     1. (Rom. 2:7) – **Eternal** Life to Those Who Seek Doing Good
     2. (Rom. 5:21) – Grace Reigns Through Righteousness to **Eternal** Life
     3. (Rom. 6:22) – Slavery to God Results in Sanctification and **Eternal** Life
     4. (Rom. 6:23) – **Eternal** Life God’s Free Gift in Jesus
  5. “All the Nations for the Obedience of the Faith” (16:26): **The Israel of God**
     1. (Rom. 1:5) – **Obedience** of **Faith** Among **Gentiles** for His Name’s Sake
     2. (Rom. 3:29,30) – God of the **Gentiles** Justifies By Faith
     3. (Rom. 9:22,23) – **Made** **Known** His Power & Glory to **Gentiles** for Glory
     4. (Rom. 9:6; 11:25,26) – All **Israel** Will Be Saved
     5. (Galatians 3:27-29) – Those Who Belong to Christ are Heirs, Israel of God
     6. (Colossians 1:11,12 ; 2:11,12, 3:11,12) – Qualified, Circumcised, Chosen