



ROMANS

June 28, 2026

To God Be the Glory

Romans 16:25–27

We began our study of Romans on February 2, 2025. Today marks the sixty-first sermon our congregation has heard from this magnificent letter. As we conclude our journey through Romans, it is fitting to return to where we began seventeen months ago.

Romans is a book about the gospel. Every chapter is saturated with the gospel, soaked in the gospel, and overflowing with the gospel. The apostle Paul declares the theme of the letter in Romans 1:17:

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘BUT THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.’” (Romans 1:17, NASB95)

The central theme of Romans is the righteousness of God. Forms of the word righteous appear more than forty times throughout the letter.

- In chapters 1–3, Paul reveals mankind’s need for God’s righteousness.
- In chapters 3–8, he explains God’s provision of righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ.
- In chapters 9–11, he addresses Israel’s rejection of God’s righteousness.
- In chapters 12–16, he shows how God’s righteousness is to be lived out in everyday life[1]

Now Paul comes to the end of his letter. His final words are not another argument or exhortation, but a doxology—a magnificent expression of praise to God. These final three verses form one long sentence in the original Greek, overflowing with worship.

The word *doxology* comes from two Greek words: *doxa*, meaning “glory” or “praise,” and *logos*, meaning “word” or “expression.” A doxology is simply a spoken expression of praise to God. Scripture contains several such doxologies, including Romans 11:33–36, Ephesians 3:20–21, Hebrews 13:20–21, and Jude 24–25.

Chuck Swindoll beautifully captures what Paul is doing here:

“He set aside his arguments, he pushed doctrine to the background, he turned his thoughts away from people, and he gave full attention to the glory of God.”



After unfolding the greatest explanation of the gospel ever written, Paul's heart erupts in worship. His soul is overwhelmed by the wonder that God rescues guilty sinners, justifies them by grace through faith, sanctifies them by His Spirit, secures them forever, and one day will glorify them in His presence.

That raises an important question for us. After seventeen months of studying Romans, what should our response be?

Certainly, we have learned doctrine. We have gained knowledge. But if our study has not led us to greater wonder, deeper gratitude, and heartfelt worship, then we have missed Paul's ultimate goal.

Like Paul, may our hearts be drawn to this glorious conclusion:

"...to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen."

(Romans 16:27, NASB95)

GIVE HIM GLORY: Salvation is the work of God from start to finish! (Romans 16:25-26)

GIVE HIM GLORY: He is worthy to be praised! (Romans 16:27)

Take Away

Your life is to be a living "doxology" to and for the Lord Jesus Christ! Give Him glory!!

- **Praise and Worship:** Express admiration, thanksgiving, and adoration through prayer, song, and verbal acknowledgement of who God is.
- **Obedience and Trust:** Living according to His will and His Word!
- **Daily Conduct:** As the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:31, doing all things to and for His glory.

[1] Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament* (p. 362). Victor Books.