

## ROMANS 16:19-27

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### Romans 16:19

When you just read it casually as I've just done, it seems like it's a little difficult to understand. It doesn't quite make full sense like you feel it ought to make. The first thing I want to share with you is that verse 19 is a continuation of a warning he gave them in verse 17 and 18. Here is verse 19, he does not praise them for their obedience so much as to warn them to be very careful about accepting any teaching or preaching, no matter how well it is presented, how seemingly logical, sincere and reasonable it may appear. If it is off one iota from the gospel of God, the mystery that Paul has declared unto us in that Word, then whatever that declaration is, if it's off even one iota, it is an error and it's wrong.

“good” – *agathos*; original meaning is “worthy of note.” That is so broad that it includes both good and evil. In other words, if evil is a thriving thing going on, it has to be *agathos*. It is worthy of note. It appears successfully evil or evil successfully, and that is to make it of note. Like a great bank robber who is real successful in robbing the bank. He's a good bank robber. Good concerning evil, *agathos*, was simply because they were successful at what they did at that moment. That's why this word *agathos* originally carried that meaning.

Then later on it went into two directions, this word *agathos*. One direction means ability in service, that which is an advantage that's good. The advantage you have is good. That's your ability, that's your advantage, that's good. The other arm of it was moral or ethical, and that is its basic usage in the New Testament gospel period. And all the men that I've ever studied or read on the book of Romans say that this is the side that Paul took. I do not believe that. I believe that here in this epistle which Paul wrote that the Pauline usage includes both, and thus in its relation to righteousness. That word *dikaios*, which I handled in Romans, which is God to man gift. But by renewed mind love of God without hypocrisy, the mind and subsequently the action or work of the believer is a harmonious perfection because he belongs to God, walks the talk and talks the walk. So I believe that here in this usage in Romans 16:19, that word “good” has both sides in it, this harmonious perfection because the individual belongs to God and that the ability and service, the advantage is that he walks the talk and talks the walk.

“simple” – *akeraios*, meaning unmixed, without anything additional

### Matthew 10:16

That's this same word “simple.”

### Philippians 2:15

That is this word simple as it's translated in Romans 16. Its usage comes from the making of wine. Whenever wine was pure, pure wine, then they used this word *akeraios*, unmixed. It was not mingled with any water. It wasn't thinned down. It was used of metal that was pure metal, unalloyed metal, without any additives, not even one drop of evil without any additive whatsoever, even one drop of evil. Without one drop of evil concerning this evil. Boy, that thing sort of rocks you when you really work it.

### Proverbs 14:15

It's a real difficult verse to handle in one sense, because "simple" means unmixed, harmless. So the harmless believe every word. You would think the harmless would be good, wonderful people. But if you read this verse carefully and watch what it's really saying, is that you stay unmixed if you get mixed by the truth, if you put on the mind of Christ, etc. Then you get mixed with the mind of Christ and when you put on the mind of Christ, then you will stay unmixed. The simple believe everything because they haven't got the proper mixture. They are to be simple concerning evil. Simple is unmixed. The only way you can stay unmixed concerning evil is to get mixed with the right stuff. That's the only way. When you are mixed with the right stuff, when it's pure wine, then it has nothing evil in it. Well, maybe you'll understand it better as I get deeper into this thing.

### **Literal translation of Romans 16:19:**

I rejoice, for regarding this matter of obedience to the gospel of the mystery, your stand has been seen by all. I am glad and thankful for you but yet I warn you, I would have you to keep on learning more and more so that there will be a harmonious perfection, in line with the Word, in your moral living and service. This is the only way to stay unmixed by the evil one.

### **Romans 16:19**

See how I put this whole thing together for you.

### **Romans 16:20**

Here it talks about the God of peace. The four greatest words that are used of God consistently time and time again as I see it in Romans is: (1) God's love, because it's the greatness of God's love that makes number two available; (2) grace of God, and it's God's grace that makes number three; (3) mercy; And with the love of God, the grace of God, the mercy of God, comes the fourth great word used in Romans, the peace of God; (4) peace of God.

Here it is the peace of God, with the emphasis on the word peace. Peace doesn't come any other way than from the true God and people learning more and more and staying uncontaminated by the evil one. You do not bring peace by legislation. You know, husband and wife fight like hell so you make a law, no fight, have peace. That's a bunch of crap! Governments. As I see the greatness of the life of the Word, if you haven't got love, if you don't move with the grace of God and the mercy of God, you'll never have peace either in your life, your marriage, or with other people.

It is the greatness of this verse that will always stand as a great monument of thanksgiving in my heart to Almighty God because this is the verse that God unfolded to me so beautifully when Howard Allen was dying. It is this verse amongst other believing that happened among our people that is still responsible for Howard Allen's life this wonderful night.

At the end of verse 20 you see the word "Amen." Then you see it at the end of verse 24 and finally" in verse 27 you see it again. Three times "Amen" is used. Amen basic/ally means so surely and truly it comes to pass. That's the end of the thing. It's finished. It's wrapped up. That he should wrap this thing up three times within those few verses from 20 through 27 would have to make you segment each one of those to see that it's complete, absolutely done.

In verse 20 it's the grace of our Lord.

In verse 24 it's the grace of our Lord.

Two of these “Amens” of the three are sealed with grace. The third is sealed with glory. Double grace brings you to glory.

**Romans 16:20, 24, 27**

Two graces, one glory, all sealed by “Amen.”

This greatness of this verse 20 is contingent upon the successful living of verse 19. If and when you do verse 19, then and only then will verse 20 become true for the believer, for you will then be a mature believer who is established, rooted 2nd grounded, not allowing the evil one to mix anything in.

**Ephesians 3:17, 18**

Rooted and grounded, then you can comprehend. If you never get rooted and grounded, the best you will ever do is apprehend. And that is not good enough when comprehension is available.

**Colossians 2:7**

Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.

When saved believers, the immature, that’s all you are at the moment you get saved you’re an immature believer, when that immature believer gets established, Romans 1:11, taught you this two years ago.

**Romans 1:11**

That’s the purpose of the Word of God, that you who are saved being immature became mature to the end that you may be established. That’s the purpose of the Word of God that you who are saved being immature became mature. You became mature by getting established in God’s Word. That’s the only way you’re going to get it. So all these other so-called intellectual trips, all that other crap, is just a bunch of baloney. If you want to get established, you’ve got to stay put on the Word. It’s the Word that will establish you. You must get established. Being established in your salvation is knowing the mystery of your salvation.

Anyone who is antagonistic against God’s Word even if they won’t admit it, yet they are against God’s Word and the truth of God’s Word, they will disturb the peace. They will disturb the tranquility and the harmony of the saints of the fellowship of the believers. And the Word of God says that all these are messengers of Satan.

**II Corinthians 11:12-29**

Any individual antagonistic will tend to disturb the peace and tranquility and the harmony of the saints, and everyone of them, even if they are off one iota, just one iota, are messengers of Satan. Your opportunities are not with the unbelievers. Your opportunities are with the so-called believers born again many times who are still immature who get all mixed up with the evil one and do not stick to the purity of the Word, which is the mystery of their salvation.

**Romans 16:20**

“Satan under your feet shortly” – It literally means Satan shall be quickly crushed under your feet for you are established. If you’re not established, he will not get crushed under your feet.

“quickly” – with speed

Then it talks about grace. It literally says “you have the grace to stand because you are established, you have no impure mixture of the Word.” You are established, and that is in opposition to Satan who causes all this evil. That’s why you have the grace of God to stand.

This verse 20 is the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 for individual believers.

### **Genesis 3:15**

Crush Satan under your feet. That’s the crushing. Beat his stupid head in.

Romans 16:20 is the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 for individual believers all the true seed of the promise of women believers. You are born again, woman of God, married to a man of God, a believer, but it’s the true seed of promise, the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 of woman believers of which Christ was the first. And even yet tonight not completely fulfilled because the only complete fulfillment of everything will come with the return when all the redeemed shall stand before God’s throne with Christ (I Corinthians 13:12) then as triumphant and victorious.

The God of peace. It is God who will do it, not you. If you do verse 19, God will do verse 20. Don’t you see it?

### **Literal translation of Romans 16:20:**

And the God of peace shall utterly crush Satan in pieces with a grinding action deeply and quickly under your feet.

God’s going to do it, the God of peace will utterly crush Satan in pieces with a grinding action deeply and quickly under your foot. God’s going to do it, but you’ve got to step on that dude’s head. You’ve got to kick him in the butt. Not even one iota of toleration of anything the Adversary wants to feed to you, even if it comes from your so-called best friend, from husband or wife, father or mother, preacher.

Then he says, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be yours.” And if you don’t do it, it isn’t yours.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is yours. Amen. Settled. If it’s not mixed with anything, people, the book, the mystery, your salvation not mixed with anything, the grace of Christ is yours. It’s yours. Amen. Boy, oh boy!

### **Romans 16:21**

You heard what I said at the opening tonight, that I had asked the Corps to work all these names in sixteen previously, which apparently only two did, and I’d like for Craig to share this with you. He has a copy he’s going to read. You might as well rest yourself because you’re not going to be able to handle all this stuff and take all the notes. If you’ve got an interest in it, you can listen to tapes and if you want to make them, fine. If Craig or any of the rest of them would desire to xerox them, if somebody wants to type them and xerox them, I wouldn’t mind giving them to the whole Corps. They are never going to get it if we don’t do it for them.

Whenever a name is given in the Word of God, God has a purpose for that name. It is our responsibility to find out why. There are times in the Bible, great incidents are mentioned, individuals related to it, or it just says this woman did so and so, this man did so and so, their name is not given. Here in this sixteenth chapter of Romans we have 35 of them. Must be very, very significant.

I want to just add a few things here from this sixteenth chapter of Romans in these verses 21-24. I will give you the scriptures that you can look up yourself. I'll help you this much to give you the benefit of what I've work of what I know and believe is the truth of all these names that are here in verse 21 and following.

Timothy was with Paul in Macedonia (II Corinthians 1:1). He was with Paul in Corinth just before Paul left for Jerusalem (Acts 20:4).

Lucius was the Lucius of Cyrene (Acts 13:1).

Jason is the one mentioned in Acts 17:5.

Sosipater is just the longer form of the name Sopater (Acts 20:4).

### **Romans 16:22**

“salute” – means Shalom, which means peace. They send their peace. They salute you with their love, with their blessing.

Tertius – In your reading from time to time you're going to run across the word that is pronounced *amenuensis*. They'll use that word. Theologically they use it all the time. It's just to fool you. All it means is secretary. So whenever you see it, it means secretary. This Tertius who wrote this epistle, the key in that verse is “in the Lord.” Most Bible teachers teach that this Tertius was not a believer, that Paul used an unbeliever to do the secretarial work. I think that's a bunch of baloney, because the key is in the Lord. For someone to be in the Lord, he first has to have the Lord in him. You have to have Christ in you before you can be in Christ. And Lord means master. He gives the orders. He's the master. This Tertius who wrote, who was the secretary. Paul just dictated it. God laid it on him, Paul spoke it, Tertius wrote in shorthand or something.

Gaius

### **Romans 16:23**

Gaius was Paul's host. He took care of Paul. Not only that but the whole church. This Gaius is the one of I Corinthians 1:14.

His name is also Titus Justus of Acts 18:1-8. His full name is Gaius Titus Justus whom Paul stayed with on his first visit to Corinth after he had stayed with Aquila and Priscilla. He was Paul's host and of the whole church. That means he was the bishop of the church at Corinth. The word bishop is the Greek word for which the word elder is the Hebrew word in the Old Testament. The bishop of the New Testament is the same as the word for elder of the Old Testament. The Greek word for bishop is *episkopos* from which we get the word Episcopal. This means one who watches over, who fulfills the requirement of caring for.

The other Greek word that's used in the New Testament is *presbuteros* from which we get the word presbyter or presbyterial. This word bishop is just a title. It's like the word pope in the Roman Catholic Church is just a title. He is nothing more than a priest. But he's got a title, and the title is pope. One who cares for the body of believers. He is given the responsibility of taking care of all the churches. That man is a bishop, a presbyter, Biblically speaking.

### **I Timothy 3:1-7**

That's quite a record in Romans 16:23 regarding Gaius.

This Erastus the chamberlain of the city. That means he was the treasurer of the city. He was the one whom Paul sent with Timothy into Macedonia before he left Ephesus (Acts

19:22). He is the one to whom Paul refers in II Timothy 4:20.

Quartus a brother. Quartus was known to the writer, Paul, as well as to the believers, as a brother. That would be a brother in the Lord.

#### **Romans 16:24**

That sets the names of Timothy in verse 21 through Quartus upon a foundation that says “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” That’s it. That’s what these men did. That’s what they stood for.

#### **Romans 16:25**

This is called a doxology. Doxology means a praise. If I should do a line or two regarding you, praising you, that would be technically and Biblically a doxology.

These verses 25-26 by many men whose hammers are worn out, say they were not written by Paul. Also that they were added many years after the gospel was sent to Rome. I do not believe that for one minute. I’m not stupid about the grammatical gaps that are in this section from the Greek point of view, the grammatical things that are there.

And I did this writing today regarding this.

The grammatical gaps all commentators note in this great doxology are only there to show us, to indicate, to teach us, that when it comes to the great mystery which God commanded Paul to declare, no words on earth are sufficiently qualified to comprehensively express the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began, but now in Romans made known to all for their obedient establishment in the one and only true faith of this the greatest of all God’s administrations up to the return.

That’s what I believe. I believe those gaps are there just because no man even though God gave the revelation, there are just no words in any language, Estrangelo Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek, English, just no words on earth sufficiently qualified to comprehensively express the revelation of the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world.

#### **Romans 16:25-27**

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“my gospel” – used three times; There are none of us who fully can comprehend, at least I can’t, the magnitude of this sphere, the magnitude of the sphere of the gospel which is here called my gospel. The reason it’s his gospel is because God gave him revelation. God revealed it to him. It’s his gospel. He spoke it forth. Paul didn’t sit around and incubate it on his own. God gave it to him.

#### **Romans 2:16**

Judgment is going to be upon the basis of the mystery, the great mystery revealed, which had been kept hidden and secret since before the foundation of the world.

Its other usage of “my gospel” is in II Timothy.

#### **II Timothy 2:8**

Again the “my gospel” is the mystery. In the teaching of the mystery, the mystery that gives you the knowledge of your salvation, is that Jesus Christ is of the seed of David.

Its third usage is in Romans 16:25 where we are.

#### **Galatians 4:4**

God's plans unfold gradually. Each minute detail has God's predetermined time for disclosure. "Fulness of time...God sent forth His son." What is written, Corps, and Corps, it is written, is pregnant with truth but it must wait until the appointed time for its complete fulfillment and understanding.

Boy, that statement is significantly true of prophecy. People go off the deep end on prophecy usually trying to understand what as yet has not reached the point and time where that understanding is available. So they guess. Like Jesus Christ had a second return in 1977. It canes all the time. Then when he doesn't make the day, they figure it and say he just missed it a little and is earning later. Boy, if you just remember what I've taught you, it'll save you hours and years of messing around.

Again, I'd like to say it as I have it written here in my notes. What is written in God's Word is pregnant with truth but it must wait until the appointed time. That's why I use the word pregnant. You're pregnant today, you don't have the baby tomorrow morning. You wait until the appointed time for its complete fulfillment and understanding.

If you want to check this, and here again I'm just going to give you the scriptures. I originally planned on going into each one of them with you, but I'll give them to you at this point.

Titus 1:2

II Timothy 1:9

I Corinthians 2:7

Colossians 1:26

According to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, the word "secret" is the word *sigoo*. The literal meaning of this word secret is keep silent, hold one's peace, for hidden truths and subjects have their own times and seasons to be fully declared, known and understood. It's like a road sign along the way as you are headed towards your destination. But it really is never known until you get there.

**Titus 1:3**

**II Peter 1:19-21**

**Romans 16:26**

Scriptures of the prophets = These are New Testament prophets. Paul is one, Silas, Timothy. Scriptures of the Prophets equals five prophetic writings.

**Romans 1:1, 2**

**Romans 16:26**

"according to the commandment of the everlasting God" – means according to the commandment God gave Paul.

All of this is made known for obedience of faith, of the faith of the foundation of the mystery. All this in Romans he says is made known for obedience so that you can be mature, be obedient to the faith. And all of that, Corps, is set on the foundation of the mystery, the great mystery, the great secret, which was given according to the commandment God gave Paul when holy men of God spake and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. That's the commandment. God gave it to them.

If you draw a line on a piece of paper and write the words, "the mystery" on it. Then from the beginning of that line over the top like an arch you bring it to the end of the line

another pencil. The line you have the mystery written on that half moon over the top is Romans. All of Romans is set upon the mystery. The mystery is the foundation made known, no longer a mystery, for it's made known to all nations, for the obedience of faith.

### **Romans 16:27**

To the one and only God, the only God who is wise, totally unmixed, holy of all holiness, purity of all purity, love of all love. Praise to the one and only wise God who knows all. The Adversary does not know all, Corps.

### **Romans 11:33**

### **I Corinthians 2:7**

Just listen again to Romans 16:27.

### **Romans 16:27**

### **I Corinthians 2:7**

God is the only wise one. And you and I can never be wise until we go to the wise God. To that wise God be glory. And when you are in Him, then it's ordained before the world unto our glory.

### **I Corinthians 2:8**

I told you God's the only wise one. The Adversary does not know everything. The Adversary's primary attack today is the same as it was in Genesis. Has God really said? Are you really righteous? Justified? Have you really passed from death unto life? Are you not just a little bit living in condemnation? It's always an attack upon the integrity and accuracy of God's Word. And we're Corps. It is written. It is God's Word, Corps.

### **Ephesians 1:7-9**

### **Ephesians 3:10**

### **Romans 16:27**

And this the highest of the high note, the glad tidings, the gospel of Romans ends. Corps, what a glorious revelation of grace. What a tremendous presentation of knowledge and understanding of the awful debt of sin and failure of man, but rescued out from among by preaching of Jesus Christ, the work he did. To this God the only wise, glory through Jesus Christ. What a revelation of the transcendent love of God, justification by believing and the righteousness of God to every believer.

Romans is the bedrock of all truth regarding the mystery. It is foundational, as I told you, you draw the line horizontal, the great mystery and then over the top is Romans, the foundational truth of all the greatness of that mystery that has been kept hidden and secret from before the foundation of the world, but now made manifest, now declared. It is written. It is written. You can read it. It is written. To that God the only wise, to Him be glory through or by way of what Jesus Christ did.

### **John 16:13**

That's exactly what the mystery is all about. The all truth is among, through, that whole mystery of God in Christ in you, the hope of glory. Fellow heirs and of the same body. Neither Jew nor Gentile, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female, but one in Christ Jesus. The mystery, Christ in you, the hope of glory, God's righteousness, God's love, God's mercy, God's everything. That is the all truth of John 16:13.



This is the greatest of the great mystery of the Word.

**Romans 16:27**

Then the book of Romans closes with “Amen.” That settles it for the believer, for any man who ideally wants to know. That’s it. Amen. That finished it. The great mystery revealed, the Word, the greatness of it.

Now in conclusion of the year of the Corps and of the book of Romans, the two years we’ve spent in it, I would like to say what I said at noon today here at Camp Gunnison, that is that when I taught Romans back in 1972 and 1973, took that one year to teach Romans to the Corps, I just didn’t take enough time I felt to really gel things that I’ve done with this Corps and last year’s Corps. I do not know any more about Romans, kids. I don’t know where to look anymore to get more information. So I’ve taught you the best of my ability everything I’ve been able to work the past few years in the book of Romans. In 1971 I taught the Corps the book of Acts. In ‘71 and ‘72 Thessalonians. Then in ‘72 and ‘73 Romans. In ‘73 and ‘74 Timothy. Then in ‘74 and ‘75 Ephesians. Then in ‘75 and ‘76 I went back to the book of Acts and I finished the book of Acts in ‘76 and ‘77 year. Also again the book of Thessalonians. Then in ‘77 and ‘78 I finished Thessalonians. Then in the fall of ‘78 we began in Romans and we close it tonight on this July 2, 1980 two years later. In my heart there are no words commensurate to the spirit of the love of God within my soul sufficiently qualified to thank God for His mercy, His grace, His love, to allow me to live to be a part of your life and even beyond that, to have the joy and privilege of once again teaching the great foundational truth of the mystery of the greatest of what I feel is the Magna Carta of all believing, the book of Romans. I’m deeply humbled and deeply grateful and deeply thankful to God.