

# ROMANS 68 – 16:21-27

*To God be Glory*

## 1. 16:21-24

- a. Timothy did Paul's work – 1 Cor 4:15-17, 16:10; Phil 2:19-22, 1 Tim 1:3
- b. Lucius – there was one in Antioch, but Dr. Luke was with Paul in Acts 20:5
- c. Jason – who turned the world upside down in Thess – Acts 17:5-10
- d. Sosipater – Probably the same as Sopater the Jew of Berea – Acts 17:11, 20:4
- e. Tertius was an amanuensis; Paul signed the letters 2Th3:17, Col 4:18, 1 Cor 16:21
- f. Gaius who was baptized by Paul (Acts 18:8), and traveled with him – Acts 19:29
- g. Erastus an official of Corinth traveled with Paul – Acts 19:22, 2 Tim 4:20

## 2. 16:25

- a. The goal of Romans is clearly to establish the saints with doctrine - Rom 1:1-5, 1:11
- b. *"my gospel"* – the one given to Paul – 1 Cor 9:17, Col 1:25; Rom 2:16, 2 Tim 2:8
- c. Paul's gospel was the mystery of Christ – Eph 6:19, Col 4:3, Eph 3:1-5
- d. It matters how Jesus Christ is preached, remember Rom 15:8 and Rom 15:16
- e. *"kept secret since the world began"* – which excludes prophecy – Eph 3:9, 2 Tim 1:9
  - i. A God ordained purpose from before the world – Eph 1:4, 1 Cor 2:7-8
  - ii. Compare: spoken since the world began – Matt 25:34; Luke 1:70, 24:25-27
- f. The mystery concerns a new creature, one body of Christ – Eph 3:6, Col 1:18
  - i. Peter ministered what was prophesied about Christ – Acts 2:16, 3:18-24
- g. The mystery concerns the unsearchable riches of Christ – Eph 1:3, 3:8 vs. Joh 5:39
- h. Not the first time mystery appears in Romans – 1:5, 4, 5, 8:17, 11:25, 12:4-5, 14, 15

## 3. 16:26

- a. *"but now"* – refers to the mystery Col 1:26.... It is followed by a comma "and"
- b. Remember, we are talking about being established – Rom 15:4, 2 Tim 3:16
- c. The scriptures of the prophets are needed – Rom 3:20-21, 3:31, 4:1, 7:1, Phil 2:5-7
- d. The prophets identify Christ the cornerstone – Eph 2:20, Rom 1:1-5
- e. Peter preached Christ according to prophecy - 1 Pet 1:20, 1:10-12, Rom 15:20
- f. Also, the mystery was now revealed to prophets – Eph 3:5, 4:11, 1 Cor 14:37
- g. *"everlasting God"* – The same God, same Christ from everlasting – Heb 13:8

## 4. 16:27

- a. *"now to him.... to God"* – who gets glory from Israel (Matt 6:13), but also Eph 3:21
- b. *"be glory through Jesus Christ"* – There is a purpose to do this – Eph 1:10, Phil 3:11
- c. Glory will be to God for ever – Rom 11:36, 1 Tim 1:17, 6:13-17