# Romans 16:27

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<sup>25</sup> Now to Him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, <sup>26</sup> but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

## **God's Foundation** – His Power to Establish Us

**God's Fulfillment –** The Revelation of the Mystery

**God's Fame** – His glory through Jesus Christ

## Three aspects of God's glory:

#### 1. Purpose of Proclamation

## 2. Praise of His Person

## 3. Path of His Praise

# Paul refers to a lifelong faith that leads to joyful and natural obedience

#### **Hebrews 11:7 NASB**

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household...



When you feel weak, remember it's not about your strength When you fail, don't give up run to God's grace When you succeed, don't become proud give God the glory

# Reflection

## What drives your obedience?

Fear, obligation, guilt? Trying to earn God's favor?

**Or Faith working through love?** 

Instead of starting with "What should I do?" Begin with "What has God done for me in Christ?" Let His love amaze you. Let His grace transform you.

## THE PATH TO JOYFUL OBEDIENCE ISN'T TRYING HARDER—IT'S TRUSTING DEEPER

# Each part of God's salvation plan perfectly balances what seems impossible to balance.

- God is perfectly just, yet shows mercy to sinners
- God hates sin completely, but loves sinners deeply
- God is perfectly holy, yet makes a way for us to have a relationship with Him
- God defeats evil not by force, but through Jesus' sacrificial love
- God changes us from the inside out, not by giving us rules to follow

#### 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

#### Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.



#### What does this mean for us?

- We can trust God even when we don't understand
- We can rest in His plan even when it doesn't make sense
- We can follow Him even when the path is unclear

#### **James 1:5**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

#### Hebrews 1:3

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

#### John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this allsurpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

#### 1 Corinthians 10:31

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

# What's our response?

- Respond in obedience that flows from faith
- Rest in God's wisdom
- Reflect God's glory





The goal of faith isn't about climbing to your own peak—it's about reflecting God's glory, no matter where He places you on the journey.