

TITLE AND NUMBER: 7. God strengthens us through the Gospel



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Romans 16:25-27

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

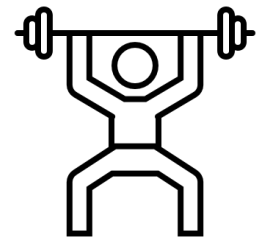
LOOKING FURTHER: Ephesians 6:10, Psalm 68:35, Isaiah 40:29-31

What does this Bible passage tell us?

As we approach all the excitement of Christmas, we are looking at a passage in which Paul is giving an indication as to the main purpose of Jesus coming on Earth.

In his closing paragraph, Paul is telling us that God strengthens His people as revealed in His Gospel through the preaching of Jesus Christ. Jesus, the Son of God, born in a stable, is the centre of the Gospel message. The mystery that was kept secret, is shown in Christ, and everyone is included by faith in Jesus.

What is the strength on offer? We know God gives us strength. But here God is referring to the same kind of strength that Paul mentions earlier in his letter (1:11-12), a spiritual strength that can withstand the pressures of life, to stay true to our faith in Jesus and not to do things that we know we shouldn't do, to stand up for the rights and justice of other people.



The heart of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ, the righteous one, died so that our sins are forgiven. He rose again, triumphant, bringing everlasting joy. We can never out-grow or replace our faith in Jesus in order to try and grow stronger. God continues to strengthen us for our whole lives.

Reflections:

- What does Jesus mean to you personally?
- In what ways does your faith give you strength?
- How does the Gospel message speak to people today?
- How do you express your thanks to God?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

