

The Apostle Paul Tells His Story

In these uncertain times, we can take refuge in the unchanging love of God for all the people of the world! This was especially evident in Paul's final words of praise in his epistle to the Romans. It is His story of our redemption. Here is the way I understand that doxology, found in Romans 16:25-27.

Now I give praise to God, who is the only one who really knows how the universe operates (verse 27). He is the one whose awesome light now and forever fills the universe through Jesus Christ (verse 25). According to Paul's gospel, or story about God, it is He who has power to help us stand firm in these difficult times (verse 25). My story includes the message of Jesus Christ. According to my (Paul's) understanding of our eternal God and He has, in these troublesome times, given us an understanding of His message of redemption of mankind. This message has been available for man since the beginning of time; it was there, in the writings of the prophets. But mankind has only been able to understand it since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (verse 26). This is the continuing story of redemption; the story that people of all nations are being called to commit their faith in Jesus Christ, and their lives to Him in worship and service.

The entire theme of Paul's epistle to the Romans was that of the righteousness of God as revealed in scripture, from Genesis through Revelation. "The just shall live by faith," he wrote in Romans 1:17. (See also Hebrews 10:38.) The righteousness of God is accounted to everyone whose faith is in Christ Jesus.

Those who expect government, or any other human power or philosophy, to set the standards righteousness and justice will be disappointed. But those whose faith is in Christ Jesus will be assured, through all of life's good and bad, in the end. God will be triumphant and our devoted dedication to Him and His story of redemption will bring rejoicing forever more! This will be source of a sparkling spring of rejoicing flowing though all nations of the world.

Since we know this, let us stand firm in the faith we have in the righteousness and justice of our almighty but loving God.

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