

GLORY TO HIS NAME

Down at the cross where my Savior died
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name!

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There to my heart was the blood applied
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I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within
There at the cross where He took me in
Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name!

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Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin
I am so glad I have entered in
There Jesus saves and keeps me clean
Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name!

GLORY TO HIS NAME

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet
Plunge in today and be made complete
Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name!

Closing The Gaps:
Paul and the Romans
God of Peace (Pt. 1)

Rom. 15:25-33

THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD) (Also called Acts Period)

Paul
Wrote
Romans
60 AD

Transition
Period
Over by Col. 1
Circa 64 AD



**Peter
And
The
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God's Prophetic Program
With the Nation of Israel:
DIMINISHING

Night of Israel's
Prophecy under
Gentile Darkness is
Far Spent. Rom. 13

Israel's
Prophetic
Program
Set Aside

God's Mystery Program
With the Body of Christ:
INCREASING

Salvation
Is nearer.
Day is at
Hand.
Rom. 13

Body of
Christ
Salvation
And Day
Are here

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The fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ (15:29).

JOIN TOGETHER WITH PAUL IN PRAYER (15:30-32)

The God of Peace be with you all. Amen (15:33)

Romans greet Paul's (together) Co-workers (16:1-16).

MARK OUT AND SEPARATE FROM THOSE WHO TEACH CONTRARY TO WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM PAUL (16:27-19).

The God of Peace will trample Satan under your feet shortly (16:20)

Paul's (together) Co-Workers Greet the Romans
(16:21-23).

Paul's Gospel, the Preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Mystery kept secret since the world began: To God only wise be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen (16:24-27).

1. v. 29—Not only does Love flow out of Pauline Grace Mystery Truth (PGMT), so does prayer. Paul's desire is that the Romans join him in prayer:
 - a. Prayer centered on PGMT strives together with Paul for the confirmation and advancement of what the triune God is doing today through the Person and Work of His Son as revealed through Paul's apostleship and ministry (Rom. 15:15-19; Phil. 1:3-7).
 - b. And when our prayer life is centered around God's things rather than ourselves and our own things, we view things from God's perspective and participate them in the midst of our difficulties, replacing trials and despair with joy and hope.
 - c. And when that happens, the God of Peace Himself is with us.

2. God is the source, creator, provider of peace and unity and today He is dispensing it through Christ as revealed in Pauline Grace Mystery Truth (Rom. 1:7; 15:13).
- Peace between God and sinner (Rom. 5:1)
 - Peace within ourselves (Rom. 8:6)
 - Peace between fellow believers (Rom. 14:17, 19)
 - Peace between believers and unbelievers (Rom. 12:18)
 - Peace between the Body of Christ and Bel. Rem. Of Israel (Rom. 15:15-27).
 - PEACE AND UNITY EVERYWHERE IS GOD'S DESIRE (2 Cor. 5:18-21)!

3. And now Paul gives a long list of his Co-workers that had done just that. It is as if he is saying: Look at all the people joining together with me in prayer for the advance of my Gospel.

--There are at least 27 people, 2 families, 5 churches mentioned.

--All lived in the midst of difficult situations and problems, trials and tribulations, BUT THEY JOINED WITH PAUL IN PRAYER, TALKING TO THE GOD OF PEACE ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THE ADVANCE AND CONFIRMATION OF WHAT GOD IS ACCOMPLISHING TODAY THROUGH PAUL'S APOSTLESHIP THROUGH ASSEMBLIES OF BELIEVERS.

a. 16:1-2: Greet Phoebe—Probably a business woman who took onto herself the responsibility of getting the most important document ever written in the history of the world safely into the hands of the Romans. She had problems but here she is serving the Lord, Paul and the saints.

--deacon: 1 Tim. 3:8-10

--Phoebe's duties probably getting Paul's letter to Rome (probably Aquila and Priscilla) safely, read it out to them and interpret it in the way Paul instructed.

b. 16:3-5: Greet Priscilla and Aquilla—They had problems too. They had been persecuted and expelled from their home in Rome, living in exile and only returning recently and continue to live in fear it might happen again. Their association with Paul resulted in persecution that almost led to their deaths. But here they are—praying together with Paul in the presence of the God of Peace, looking for ways to participate in the advance of the Gospel.

- Having been expelled from Rome they met Paul in Corinth on 2nd Missionary journey as fellow tent makers (Acts 18:2).
- They joined with Paul, and he dropped them off in Ephesus to advance his ministry there (Acts 18:18).
- Paul rejoined them later for a lengthy stay (3 yrs.?—1 Cor. 16:19).
- Returned to Rome probably about 54 AD after Claudius's death. They suffered persecution even unto death on behalf of God is doing today through Paul's apostleship and ministry (Acts 19:23-41).

- c. 16:5: Greet Epenetus-firstfruits—first of Paul’s converts in Greece?
- d. 16:6: Greet Mary—she bestowed much labor in the midst of difficulties and troubles (Lk. 5:5; 2 Thess. 3:8).
- e. 16:7: Greet Andronicus and Junia—They had problems. They were not only together with Paul in prayer, they were together with Paul in jail!
 - Probably married couple with Jewish background (Paul’s Jewish kinsmen).
 - They were secondary apostles—they were sent out by Paul.
 - They were “in Christ” before Paul, which indicates they were actually members of the Believing Remnant of Israel, whose program had been shut down. Yet here they are together with Paul in prayer with the God of Peace, helping in the advance of God’s Mystery Program for the Body of Christ!

- f. 16:8-9—Greet Amplias and Urban—They had problems. They were probably slaves or freed men who lived in the lower levels of society, but they were beloved of God and Paul.
- g. 16:10—Greet Apelles—He had a difficult test of persecution because of Paul's Gospel—now he is tested and approved!
- h. 16:10—Greet Aristobulus's Household—since not mentioned directly may not have been a believer but people in his household, probably slaves. They had problems but they found a way to participate in Paul's Gospel!

- i. 16:11—Greet Herodian—another kinsman of Paul, probably because of being a Jew not because he is a family relation.
- j. 16:11—household of Narcissus—probably as with Aristobulus, Narcissus may not have been a believer but some in his family were—probably some being slaves or lesser family members.
- k. 16:12—Tryphena and Tryphosa—female slaves or freed women, probably sisters. Same with Persis.
- l. 16:13—Rufus—possibly the son of Simon of Cyrene who carried the cross of Christ part of the way to Golgotha. Rufus's mother offered hospitality to Paul in some way.

m. 16:15—Philologus and Julia—perhaps husband and wife. And Nereus and Olympas—perhaps their children. They opened their house for a group of believers to meet in.

n. 16:16--ALL PAUL'S CHURCHES GREET THE ROMANS

4. Maybe just maybe in Heaven, God and Paul will include an addendum that says:

AND GREET GRACE BIBLE CHURCH OF ROLLING MEADOWS WHO 2,000 YEARS LATER ARE STILL PARTICIPATING IN THE ADVANCE OF PAUL'S GOSPEL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MYSTERY IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULTIES AND TRIALS!

Heaven Came Down

O what a wonderful, wonderful day

Day I will never forget;

After I'd wandered in darkness away,

Jesus my Savior I met.

O what a tender Compassionate friend –

He met the need of my heart;

Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,

He made all the darkness depart!

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;*

My sins were washed away

And my night was turned to day

Heaven came down and glory filled my Soul!

Heaven Came Down

Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's family diving,
Justified fully through Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made
When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace he did proffer-
He save me, O praise His dear name!

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my Soul!*

Heaven Came Down

Now I've a Hope that will surely endure
After the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my Soul!*