

ESTABLISHED in the GOSPEL

At the beginning of Romans (verse 11), Paul shares with the recipients of the letter that he wants to establish them in the gospel. At the end of Romans (verse 430), Paul realizes that it is God who ultimately establishes them in the gospel. The letter to the Romans prove that all the work is by and through Jesus Christ.

God _____ us in the _____
by giving us _____ to glorify Him.

REVELATION of the MYSTERY

Our eternal God placed hundreds of prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah. When Jesus Christ came to this earth, He fulfilled each of them. God’s purpose is to prove the validity of the claims of His son, Jesus.

God _____ His glory through fulfilled
_____, confirming our _____.

GLORY through the AGES

Our wise and all-knowing God placed you in this particular “age” of the earth’s existence for a reason. That reason is seen in the final verse of the letter to the Romans.

You get _____ to glorify God,
make it count for _____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. How much have you thought about the importance of fulfilled prophecy in your Christian faith? Does the fact that Jesus fulfilled hundreds of predictions strengthen your conviction that He is the way of salvation?

Digging Deeper

2. The word translated “establish” in Romans 16:25 is found 13x in the NT and can also mean: determined, strengthen, fixed, confirmed (Luke 9:51; 16:26; 22:32; 1 Thessalonians 3:2; 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 3:3; James 5:8; 1 Peter 5:10; 2 Peter 1:12; Revelation 3:2). Would these words describe your faith?
3. Think through the verses used today when we were discussing “the revelation of the mystery” (Genesis 1:1-2; 6:5; Isaiah 14:12-13; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:7; Psalm 8:5; 1 Corinthians 10:31; John 1:1-14). Do you now understand the plan of God and how God has always wanted humans to glorify Him?
4. The Bible describes our limited time here on this earth (James 4:14; Psalm 90:10; Ecclesiastes 9:5). Towards the end of your life will you be able to speak the words found in the following passages (2 Timothy 4:6-8; Philippians 2:17; Psalm 23:6)?

Applying the Word to Life

5. Is the gospel your firm foundation for every area of your life? Do Jesus’ teachings direct your relationships, career, dreams, finances, health and entertainment? If something is “out of order” in your life, ask yourself, “Is this area gospel-centered?”
6. Are you making your life count for God? Have you been chasing your own dreams for so long that you have forgotten how fulfilling it is to obediently sacrifice for Christ?