

SHORT REVIEW

Paul's Gospel (Romans 16:25)

1. **Romans 8:3** What the law could not do . . . God did . . . by sending His own Son . . . in the likeness . . . of sinful flesh . . . on account of sin . . . condemned sin . . . in the flesh
2. **Romans 8:4** That the righteous requirement of the law might be **fulfilled** in us (not kept) who do not walk . . . according to the flesh . . . but according to the Spirit
3. **Romans 6:17** God be thanked . . . you were . . . slaves of sin, but you obeyed from the heart . . . that form of doctrine . . . you were delivered . . . into

According to the Mystery . . . Kept Secret (Romans 16:25)

4. **Romans 12:1** I beseech you . . . therefore . . . brethren, by the . . . mercies of God . . . that you present your bodies . . . a living sacrifice (12:2), that you may prove what is that good and acceptable . . . will of God

NOTE: After chapter 8 Paul explains in chapters 9, 10, 11 . . . God setting Israel aside . . . For I do not (Romans 11:25) desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this . . . mystery . . . (Israel set aside) . . . until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. Chapter 12 follows chapter 8 . . . with I beseech you . . . **therefore** . . . by the mercies of God . . . Paul is earnest in the brethren to respond to the mercies of God . . . (first 8 chapters) as the means and cause for presenting their . . . bodies . . . as a living sacrifice . . . the perfect will of God. This is the main point he has been leading up to. So in Romans 16:17 **now** . . . I urge you brethren . . . note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

5. **Romans 12:4** For we have many members in . . . one body
6. **Romans 16:25b** Preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began
7. **Ephesians 1:17-23; 2:6, 10** Exceeding greatness of His power . . . toward us . . . when He raised Him from the dead . . . made Him head . . . to the church . . . His body . . . the fullness of Him . . . and raised us up together with Him

NOTE: Romans reveals the church down below, Ephesians the church up above – the heavenly aspect of this great mystery

8. **Revelation 1:11-12** What you see . . . write in a book and send it to the **seven churches** in Asia . . . having turned (v. 12) . . . I saw . . . **seven golden lampstands**
9. **Revelation 1:20** The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand . . . and the **seven golden lampstands** . . . the seven lampstands which you saw . . . are the **seven churches**
10. **Revelation 2:1** To the angel of the church . . . of Ephesus write, these things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand . . . who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands
11. **Revelation 2:2** I know your works . . . your labor . . . your patience . . . You have (v. 3) persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake
12. **Revelation 2:4** Nevertheless I have this against you . . . that you have left your first love. Remember therefore (v. 5) from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and . . . **remove your** . . . **lampstand** from its place

NOTE: The book of Romans reveals . . . the earthly part . . . the church down below . . . where we are to present our bodies (Romans 12:1) that we may prove God's will . . . a living sacrifice. From chapter 12 on through chapter 16 is on how we are to conduct ourselves in the church life below.

The book of Ephesians reveals the church in heaven . . . a great mystery (Ephesians 5:32), in heaven she is a golden lampstand. Ephesians 1:3 blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing . . . in **heavenly places** . . . in Christ. Knowing this aspect of church truth is vital because what **we do** down here below affects what we are above . . . a golden lampstand. The Lord warned the church in Ephesus . . . remember from where you have fallen and repent . . . **and do** . . . or else I will remove . . . your lampstand **from its place** . . . what we do down below affects what's up above . . . a golden lampstand.

13. **Ephesians 2:6** And raised us up together, and made us sit . . . together . . . in the . . . **heavenly places** in Christ (the term, in Christ, Paul mentions 35 times in the book of Ephesians)
14. **Colossians 3:1** If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things above
15. **Colossians 3:5** Therefore put to death your members which are on the **earth**
16. **Colossians 2:19** Not holding fast to the **Head, from whom** all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments . . . grows with the increase from God
17. **Ephesians 4:16** **From whom** . . . the whole body, joined and knit together . . . by what . . . **every** . . . joint supplies

18. **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all . . . with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the . . . glory of the Lord . . . are being transformed (transfigured) . . . into the **same image** from glory to glory . . . just as by the Spirit of the Lord