

Only Wise Creator

Key Scriptures

Romans 4:17 God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Romans 16:25-27 ²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith-- ²⁷ to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen

1 Corinthians 1:18, 27-31 ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. . . . ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Eph. 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Key Point: God is not just able to save us through the gospel, He uses it to establish us in our faith and our entire lives.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you have a favorite show that deals with creating or remodeling something (interior of a house, car, motorcycle, robot, blacksmith other?)

Start thinking: Choose questions to get your group thinking.

- What attributes of God does Romans 4:17 describe?
- The word "able" in Romans 16:25, and Ephesians 3:20 is the Greek word from where we get our word "dynamite." What do these two passages tell us about where God places his "dynamite" power?
- Romans 1:16 tells us that the gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe. Romans 16:25 speaks God using the gospel to establish believers. So, the gospel not only saves us, it establishes us. In what ways do you think Christians need to be established?
- Explore the concept of the mystery of the gospel. In what ways was it revealed gradually through the Old Testament and then fully revealed in the New Testament?
- Read 1 Cor 1:18-31. What does it tell you about the wisdom of God?

Start sharing: Questions to create openness.

- A.W. Tozer stated, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- How does your understanding or misunderstanding of God's attributes impact your faith and daily life?
- How have you seen God transform and change lives (including your own)?

Start doing: The ultimate response when it comes to responding to God and His attributes is worship and praise. Set aside time this week where you think upon His greatness and respond in song and prayers of worship.

Prayer Requests: Spend time praying together about what you shared tonight. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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