

Series: *Seeing **how** Jesus is your salvation will stir your love for him.*

BE STRONG IN THE WAY THAT BRINGS FULL GLORY TO THE ONLY WISE GOD.

Now to him,

who is able to strengthen/establish you

according to my gospel

and the preaching of Jesus Christ

according to the revelation of the mystery

that has been silent for long/eternal ages

but now made manifest through the prophetic writings

according to the commandment of the eternal God

into the obedience of faith into all the nations made known

to the only wise God through Jesus Christ be the glory into the ages!

ONE: If your strength is not from the Gospel of Christ you're not strong.

Now to him, who is able to strengthen you (1Co 15.1-4)

according to my gospel (Rom 2.16; 2Ti 2.8-9; Gal 1.11-12; 2.7)

and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the mystery (Eph 3.6-7)

now made manifest through the prophetic writings (Luk 24.44)

TWO: Only an obedience of faith in Jesus Christ brings full glory to the all wise God.

According to the commandment of the eternal God into the obedience of faith made known into all the nations...

Now to him, who is able to strengthen you...into the obedience of faith made known into all the nations, to the only wise God through Jesus Christ be the glory into the ages!

Questions for thought/discussion/prayer?

1. What most often gets you the most excited with positive emotions?
2. How would you relate your answer(s) to question 1 to God's getting glory through Jesus Christ? (If you don't know how to answer, ask someone for help; what excites you may not necessarily be wrong, but may need to be shaped into a more godly context.)
3. What are some ways we as evangelicals, Presbyterians, Reformed Christians, trust in our traditions (evaluate others by) in ways that substitute or diminish our desperate, ongoing need for our Lord Jesus Christ?
4. Paul's gospel includes suffering, because Jesus is the way (not simply the truth & life: John 14.6). Jesus promised trials and suffering to his followers (both from our broken world and from the world's hatred). In what ways have you positively embraced this part of your gospel calling as a believer?
5. Paul is the apostle especially called to unite the Gentiles with the Jews. He ends Romans with an emphasis on all people groups being called to give God glory through Jesus Christ by worshipping/serving/living united in Christ. How can you become more committed to giving God this central glory which shines most as his church bridges all barriers & lives in unity?