



The themes that Paul introduces in chapter 1 come together in the doxology that closes this letter.

**I. Praise God for his power.
Verses 25-26**

God has the power to make us stand in any circumstance.

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."
Colossians 1:28

The word establish means to prop up or to make us stand.

It is the same word used in Romans 1:11.



God makes us stand when we think we can't.

One of my favorite benedictions in Scripture is I Thessalonians 5:23-24.

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.”

The means that God uses to strengthen us is the gospel.

“In the gospel, we discover we are far worse off than we thought, and far more loved than we ever dreamed.”

Stephen Curtis Chapman

The gospel is the mystery hidden for long ages past but now revealed – *“by the command of the eternal God.”*

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son... to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights as sons.” Galatians 4:4

God's desire is that all the nations might believe and obey him.

**II. Praise God for his
wisdom. Verse 27**

**Who but God could have come
up with a gospel of grace?**

*“For it is by grace you have
been saved, through faith – and
this is not from your selves, it is
the gift of God – not by works,
so that no one can boast.”*
Ephesians 2:8-9

*“To the only wise God be glory
forever through Jesus Christ!”*
Romans 16:27

*“For from him and through him
and to him are all things.”*
Romans 11:36

Conclusion

**Praise God for his
infinite wisdom.**

**Praise God for his
infinite power.**