

**PASTOR'S PEN**  
**Dwelling On the Vertical Plane**

Unfortunately much of Christendom has not grasped the solid foundation of the truth of God's word. Many exclusively abide in the surface aspects of engaging the daily activities and circumstances of this present earthly abode, thus relegating God's greatest workings and power to the physical-natural phenomena. Those who dwell in this limited sphere of relating to God, prioritize the physically inspired portions of the Bible while mostly ignoring or lightly esteeming the root of the gospel for this dispensation, the Mystery.

In his epistle to the Romans, the Apostle Paul states (from the Greek Text), "To the one who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept silent in times eternal" (Rom. 16:25). Here it should be noted that even though the so-called majority Greek Text does not include this verse in its writings, extensive examination and evidence of the original manuscripts recognize it to be genuinely authentic. Here Paul emphasizes the distinct message which he likewise identifies in Rom. 2:16 as "my gospel"; as he does in this verse (Rom. 16:25).

Here the expression of this scripture is in the form of a prayer. Thus Paul's desire is that God might establish His people in accordance with the truth revealed in the gospel that was committed unto him. Here Paul expresses that this truth has been manifested in the current (dispensational) Prophetic writings, particularly through his writings and those of others associated with him (Eph. 3:5).

Note that this verse opens with the words, "To the one who is able to establish you". The addressee is God the Father, who alone is "thee-nah-meh-no", rendered "able", i.e., has the ability and the power to establish believers. Notice the consistent testimony of Paul's epistles is that God, in the process of establishing His elect, transmits this ability and power through the Holy Spirit, who is commissioned to enlighten this revealed message to those who are members of the body of Christ (Eph. 1:17-19).

Here in the phrase “establish you”, note that the Greek infinitive “stee-ree-zeh”, translated “establish” denotes that Paul is committing believers to the one who is able to cause us to “stand fast”, “be steadfast” and “unmovable” in **spiritually** relating to him in eternal things. In light of those whose focus is on the physical sphere of earthly blessings, which is contrary to the emphasis of the gospel of grace (Rom. 16:17-18); there is an urgent need for prayer that we might be made solid and firm in the truth (Rom. 1:11; II Thess. 2:17; 3:3).

The Grace Gospel Church Ministry believes and teaches that it is very important that we are established in the right truth, the Mystery, the revealed volume of truth for the Church in this age, which is the gospel of the grace of God (Col. 1:25-28).