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## Revealing Secrets

[Romans 16:25-27](#)

*25 Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time.*

*26 But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey him. 27 All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen*

One of the things I have always enjoyed about Christmas is the surprise you get when opening presents. It is also exciting keeping the secrets of other people's gifts. The secret-keeping part of Christmas is often very fun.

I love seeing the surprised looks on people's faces when they open their gift.

I especially love it when the secret gets revealed.

You have probably had an experience similar to mine of a secret being unveiled. Perhaps it was with Christmas, or possibly a birthday, a surprise party, a gender reveal, or a baby shower.

You might have shared in that secret reveal, either knowing beforehand or figuring it out with everyone else.

This talk of secrets being revealed reminds me of Romans 16:25-27. In this passage, Paul talks about how God's secret was finally told to be made known to all the world and not just the Jews. The Jews were the only ones who had the prophecies from scripture, until this time they were the only ones who really knew about the Messiah's coming.

Paul is saying that this secret should be made known to **everyone**, not only the Jews.

Now, what should we do? The scripture says to let this message be known throughout the world, so, that must mean we should go out there and tell everyone the good news.

We need to tell people the "secret" of salvation. We need to do as the Lord commands.

*Prayer: Dear God, help us, as a church, to reveal your secret and to show the world your truth. Amen*

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