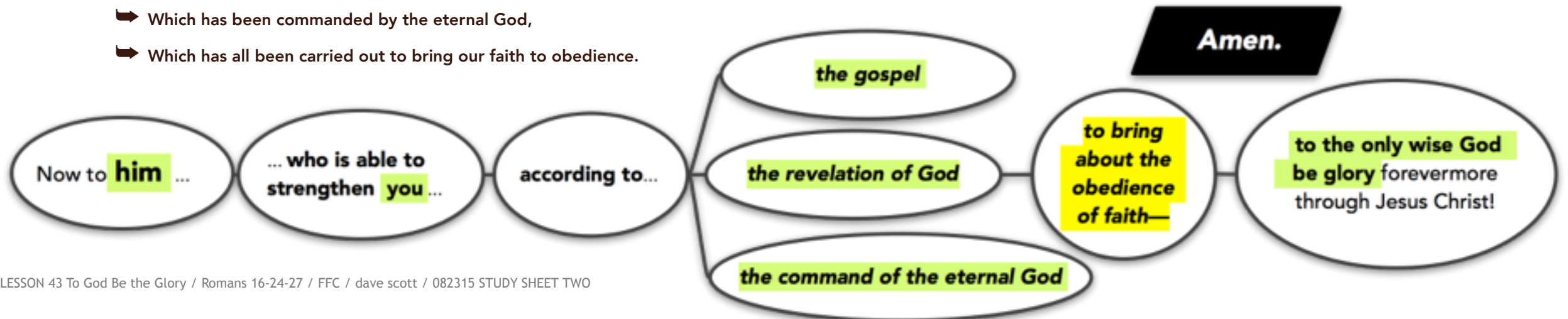




LIFE BY YHWH: GOSPEL POWERED!

Now to God be glory forevermore ...

- ➔ God who strengthens us by the gospel,
- ➔ Which is the preaching of Jesus Christ,
- ➔ Which is the ancient plan of God revealed,
- ➔ Which has now been made clear by the prophets,
- ➔ Which has been commanded by the eternal God,
- ➔ Which has all been carried out to bring our faith to obedience.



► Strengthen, establish (sterizo, Gk. στηρίζω) ...

- In this context it refers to being mentally settled, firmly rooted in the truth of the gospel ... through the gospel, God is able to establish the minds and hearts of believers in the truth, to settle us, ground us, and make us firm in Him (John MacArthur).
- Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, whenever and by whomever it is rightly proclaimed, God will take a fallen, corrupted, vacillating, drifting, insecure, uncertain, chaotic mind and doomed soul and establish it forever in His truth by the power of His Spirit (John MacArthur).
- The Greek word translated establish ... includes not only a knowledge of the truth, and a settled persuasion in Christ of that truth; but also obedience in the power of the Spirit, to the truth (William Newell).

► Stupendous truths ...

- He [Paul] has been writing with the hand of the Spirit upon him, those stupendous truths which we find in this great, fundamental Epistle: the glory, holiness, and righteousness, of the infinite, eternal God; the awful guilt and helplessness of man; the story of the astonishing intervention of a Grace that not only pardoned and justified, but made believing sinners partakers in Christ of the very glory of God Himself (William Newell).

► These happy creatures ...

- God had a sovereign purpose to take certain creatures into His own glory, to share in that Glory. These happy creatures were not to be taken from among the "elect angels,"—holy, blessed beings that these are. It was not given to angels, seraphim, or cherubim, but to blood-bought sinners as members of Christ (William Newell).