SBC - Aug. 4, 2024 Romans 11:33-36 (NKJV) "God's Ways Past Finding Out"

Prayer:

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Theme: The Righteousness of God – The Gospel of God

Outline:

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God's holiness – man's sinfulness – 1:18-3:20 Justification by grace through faith – 3:21-5:21

Sanctification of the believer – 6:1-8:39

- <u>Dispensational: 9:1-11:36</u> (The place of Israel and the church)
- *Practical*: 12:1-15:33 (Duties and privileges of the believer)

• *Epilogue:* 16:1-27

Today in our study of Romans we come to a climactic high point in the book as seen in Romans 11:33-36. Let's begin with a review of what builds to this point.

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THEME OF ROMANS

The RIGHTEOUSNESS of God acquired by FAITH

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KEY VERSES

Romans 1:16–17 (NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for **everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is <u>revealed from faith to faith</u>; as it is written, "<u>The just shall live by faith</u>."

Romans 3:21-31 – JUST by FAITH

Romans 3:22 (NKJV)

22 even the righteousness of God, <u>through faith in Jesus Christ</u>, to all and <u>on all who believe</u>. For there is no difference;

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Romans 4: Just by Faith – Just like Abraham

Romans 4:4-5 (NKJV)

- **4** Now to him who **works**, the wages are not counted as **grace** but as debt.
- **5** But to him who does <u>not work</u> but <u>believes</u> on Him who justifies the ungodly, <u>his faith</u> is accounted for righteousness,

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Conclusion of the Matter

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, having been <u>justified by faith</u>, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Faith and Sanctification – Romans 6-7

Faith and Security – Romans 8

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Romans 9-11: Israel & the Gentiles – The Issue of Faith

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Israel's Problem: A LACK OF FAITH

Romans 9:32 (NKJV)

32 Why? Because **they did not seek it by faith**, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

Romans 10:3–4 (NKJV)

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness **to everyone who believes.**

Romans 11:20 (NKJV)

20 Well said. <u>Because of unbelief they were broken off</u>, and <u>you stand by faith</u>. Do not be haughty, but fear.

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KEY POINTS in Romans 9-11

- God has a multilayered plan of salvation involving both Jew and Gentile.
- God works in accordance with His sovereign purpose of election (Rom. 9:11).
- There is the personal responsibility of FAITH.
- Within the elect nation of Israel there is a remnant according to the election of grace (cf. Rom. 9:6; 11:5).

We left off our study last time at Romans 11:32 which concludes that "God has committed all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all." God's plan is BIGGER than the Jews thought. In includes the Gentiles. God's plan is BIGGER than the Gentiles may think. It includes being merciful in the completion of His program with Israel.

God in His great plan of salvation has so worked "that He might have mercy on all" to the end that whoever calls on the name of the LORD [in faith] shall be saved.

As already shown, this does not mean that everyone will be saved but that God in Christ has made a way to be saved for all who will come to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's climactic statement about God's mercy on all now turns to doxology regarding the awesome wisdom of God and how He works. We marvel at His great plan but we can't completely figure it out. It is good to remember that we have 3-pound brains and we can't begin to fathom the eternal mind of the infinite God. All we properly do is believe and bow in worship. And that is where Paul takes us in our text today.

William MacDonald sets the stage leading to Paul's great doxology in Romans 11:33-36 in this way:

Paul has expounded the marvelous plan of salvation by which a just God can save ungodly sinners and still be just in doing so. He has shown how Christ's work brought more glory to God and more blessing to men than Adam lost through his sin. He has explained how grace produces holy living in a way that law could never do. He has traced the unbreakable chain of God's purpose from foreknowledge to eventual glorification. He has set forth the doctrine of sovereign election and the companion doctrine of human responsibility. And he has traced the justice and harmony of God's dispensational dealings with Israel and the nations. Now nothing could be more appropriate than to burst forth in a hymn of praise and worship! — *William MacDonald*

And that is exactly what Paul does as theology now yields to doxology – which is to say the study of God and His great plan of salvation now leads to the praise of God.

Romans 11:33–36 (NKJV)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

This verse is filled with that which is unfathomable and beyond our comprehension. Aren't you glad we have a God so great we can't begin to figure Him out!

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There might be some truth in this, but when it comes to God, as it says of Jesus in John 21:25 if all the things were written of Him, "even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

The word "Oh" is exclamatory! It is an expression of being overwhelmed concerning the greatness of God and His sovereignly dealings with mankind.

This verse, grammatically, can be taken in one of three ways. The Legacy Standard Bible is a very literal translation...

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Romans 11:33 (LSB)

33 Oh, the depth of the <u>riches</u> and <u>wisdom</u> and <u>knowledge</u> of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

- Riches
- Wisdom
- Knowledge

Taken this way there are three interrelated things being presented that are unfathomable which may well be the case.

However, the Greek preposition (kai) translated here as "and" can also mean "even". In this case the nuance could be "Oh, the depth of the riches, even the wisdom and knowledge of God!" In that case two things are in view – the richness of God's wisdom and knowledge. An argument for this is that it parallels Paul's dual follow up comment regarding God's unsearchable judgments and His ways that are past finding out.

Or you could take it that one essential thing is in view, namely, that wisdom and knowledge are essentially interchangeable here with perhaps only a slight variation in nuance. In that case the sense would be "Oh, the depth of the riches – even the wisdom – even the knowledge of God!"

I tend to take it that there is a threefold emphasis here but that they are all closely interrelated.

Paul has just emphasized in verse 32 God's MERCY in relation to all. This is amazing to him and so he blurts out "Oh, the depth of the riches of God". The riches here immediately in context relates to the riches of God's mercy.

Earlier Paul wrote of "the riches of God's goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering" (2:4); of "the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory" (9:23); and the riches of the Lord which are indiscriminately bestowed on "all who call upon Him" (10:12).

Ephesians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 But <u>God, who is rich in mercy,</u> because of His great love with which He loved us,

Ephesians 3:8 (NKJV)

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the <u>unsearchable</u> <u>riches of Christ</u>,

God's mercy refers to His undeserved favor which is bestowed upon people in the sense of NOT giving them what they deserve, namely His judgment. God's grace is His undeserved favor in giving us what we do not deserve.

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<u>Mercy</u> – God's undeserved favor in NOT giving us what we do deserve (judgment).

<u>Grace</u> – God's undeserved favor in giving us what we do NOT deserve (salvation).

God's mercies are therefore His undeserved kindness, compassion, and pity, shown toward us in our miserable state of depravity resulting in the salvation of all who will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, the depth of the riches of God's mercy! To appreciate it we must appreciate the depth of our undeservedness – of our wretched depravity. And the truth is – it is unfathomable. The depth of God's riches is so deep that no one can ever plumb the depths of its excess (cf. 1 Cor. 2:10).

And Paul's thought continues: "Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom of God". The wisdom of God is His all wise plan of salvation that has made his mercies available to sinful mankind. In 1 Cor. 1:30 Paul says that Jesus "became for us wisdom from God". In Jesus all God's holy and perfect standards are met so that we might be saved and made righteous. God in His wisdom has made a way – a plan of salvation that ultimately has the whole world in view.

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Romans 3:26 (NKJV)

26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that <u>He</u> <u>might be just</u> and <u>the justifier of the one who has faith</u> in Jesus.

God in His great wisdom devised a plan that would perfectly satisfy His holy demands against sin without compromising His holiness and at the same time results in in the justification of those who have faith in Jesus.

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1 Corinthians 1:21 (NKJV)

21 For since, <u>in the wisdom of God</u>, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save <u>those who believe</u>.

1 Corinthians 1:24 (NKJV)

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power** of God **and the wisdom** of God.

Knowledge is understanding. God knows all things and in His wisdom He directs all things. He puts it all together! Knowing and wisdom go together. It is one thing to know and another thing to act wisely. Wisdom brings to pass a good and intended outcome. Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. God perfectly KNOWS all things and in WISDOM He properly applies this knowledge to a sovereignly determined and good end.

He knows everything: everything possible, everything actual; all events, all creatures, of the past, the present and the future."

- Arthur Pink

God knows all contingencies. He permits some things, He prevents some things, and He promotes some things, but in all these things He knows all things possible and all things actual both which have happened and will yet happen, and in wisdom He sovereignly controls all these things to a determined end. When one starts considering all these variables and how they all fit into one giant plan, God's knowledge and wisdom are astounding.

For example, the crime of the ages for which people will forever be accountable was the death of Jesus. And yet in that death God sovereignty planed to bring about His mercy for all. There is human responsibility here – there is divine sovereignty here.

Acts 2:23 (NKJV)

23 Him, being delivered by the <u>determined purpose and</u> <u>foreknowledge of God</u>, you have <u>taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;</u>

Paul is like a mountain climber who has just scaled the highest mountain in the world with a most glorious view, and then stands in utter awe at what he sees. Paul speaking of the riches, wisdom and knowledge of God related to His grand plan of salvation then says, "How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

God's judgments are his decisions and decrees. God is a thinking God. He has made decisions that we often call plans.

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Psalm 33:11 (NKJV)

11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

God has judgments (plans) and yet they are unsearchable meaning they are inscrutable. No one can figure out God's plan on their own. He has to tell us (cf. Job 5:9).

Not only can we not figure out God's plans – we also can't figure out His ways in how He works to bring them to pass. His ways are past finding out. These are His providential ways. They are untraceable (cf. Eph. 3:8).

When following someone in the desert, all you have to do is to trace their footprints in the sand. From their footprints, you can discover where they came from and where they are. [By the way this is the logic of the evolutionist who thinks based on clues in the present they can figure out the beginning not realizing the processes of creation were totally supernatural]. But when it comes to the ways of God, there are no footprints in the sand. You must throw up your hands in defeat and say, "God's path is untraceable!" – *Robert Morley*

What God is doing often makes no sense to us but it makes perfect sense to Him and in the end we will find that it harmonizes perfectly with God being all knowing and all wise in keeping with His being merciful to all.

This is HOW God works. He in His omniscience is working out a plan so profound that no one can figure it out. We only come to know it by His own revelation and by faith. God reveals it and we believe it and on this basis and this basis alone we KNOW it. No one ever figures out God! It's just to far above us.

In the Bible there are three great MYSTERY questions in life: 1) The mystery of suffering; 2) the mystery of significance; 3) the mystery of sovereignty. Let me elaborate.

1) Why do God's people suffer? This is the great issue in the book of Job. Job complained mightily about this and demanded an answer. And then God showed up to speak to Job face to face. And as God revealed His greatness to Job – what was his response?

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Job 40:3-5 (NKJV)

- **3** Then Job answered the LORD and said:
- **4** "Behold, <u>I am vile</u>; What shall I answer You? <u>I lay my hand over</u> my mouth.
- **5** Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

When we see God in His glory we have no more questions – it is enough to know that God is God. Everything fades into insignificance in light of this reality.

Pastor John Piper tells of a time when he felt impressed to preach on God's greatness as revealed in Isaiah 6, the passage where Isaiah saw the Lord on His throne. Normally Piper says that he would have tried to apply the text, but on this Sunday, he simply tried to lift up and display the majesty and glory of God, without a word of application. He did not realize that one of the young families in his church had just discovered that their child was being sexually abused by a close relative. They were there that Sunday and heard his message. Piper says that many advisors to us pastors would have said, "Pastor Piper, can't you see that your people are hurting? Can't you come down out of the heavens and get practical? Don't you realize what kind of people sit in front of you on Sunday?" Some weeks later he learned the story. The husband took him aside after a service and said, "John, these have been the hardest months of our lives. Do you know what has gotten me through? The vision of the greatness of

God's holiness that you gave me the first week in January. It has been the rock we could stand on." (As told by Pastor Steven Cole)

The greatness and glory of God are ever relevant. This is the great ROCk we stand on.

Another great mystery that vexes people is the significance or MEANING and PURPOSE of life. This is the great issue in the book of Ecclesiastes. It is the most philosophical book in the Bible. The book begins with the preacher saying...

Ecclesiastes 1:2 (NKJV)

2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

Looking at life under the sun within your own wisdom the whole of life seems empty and meaningless.

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Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 8:17 (NKJV)

17 then I saw all the work of God, that <u>a man cannot find out the</u> work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will <u>not be able to find it.</u>

The frustration of Ecclesiastes is that no one can figure out what God is doing. And this is true in every life. At many points we simply can't figure it out. And where we need to come is to leave it with God. This is where faith comes in. We can't figure it out but we need to rest in the promise of God.

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Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Proverbs 20:24 (NKJV)

24 A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?

We often need to just realize God's plans are unsearchable and His ways past finding out.

And then thirdly, in the context of Romans 9-11 is the mystery of God's great sovereign plan of salvation involving Jew and Gentile, involving divine sovereignty and human responsibility, involving faith and the election of grace. This great plan is inscrutable! No one can completely figure it out.

The Scripture furnishes numerous instances where God's sovereignty and man's free will interplay with each other. Both are biblical teachings. For man to try to alter either one to find a reconciliation is an attempt to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree, an attempt of man to escape his finitude so as to become like an infinite God. ...-Robert Thomas – In The Master's Seminary Journal – Fall 2001, pg. 202

God's thoughts, His philosophy, the rationale behind His decrees defy human analysis. The hiss of the serpent can be discerned unmistakably in the effort to find a theology that man can understand in all its parts. – *Dr. Randy Yeager*

The second you have a theology that explains everything you have humanized God and the hiss of the serpent can be heard!

The story is told of a soldier during the Civil War who could not make up his mind about which side of the conflict he supported. So, he dressed in a blue coat (the color of the Union) and gray pants (the color of the Confederates), and walked down the center of the battlefield thinking he would receive the approval of both sides. He was wrong and was immediately shot by both sides.

This illustrates the position of the "Biblicist" who seeks to properly hold to the tensions of Scripture regarding God's sovereignty and human responsibility. He gets shot at from both sides and yet in the end is faithful to the whole counsel of God as one who rightly divides the Word of God concerning the ways of God that are "past finding out".

Romans 11:33 is a verse that some (in practical reality) refuse to accept, but it too is part of the whole counsel of God and in CONTEXT comes at the conclusion of Paul's prolonged discussion regarding God's sovereignty and human responsibility as seen in Romans 9-11. Some get hung up on the "sovereign emphasis" of Romans 9, others make their focus the "responsibility emphasis" of Romans 10; but in biblical balance I want the truth of both with the inspired conclusion of Romans 11 which emphasizes all is of God, but His ways are past finding out.

Certainly, if pushed I will favor the side of sovereignty as Paul goes on to emphasize all things are of God – they are His ways, but they are past finding out.

"I'm in the middle and I can't solve the riddle."

Augustine was known as a great Christian thinker. Once as he was walking along the ocean he was contemplating the incomprehensible truth of the Trinity. In frustration since he could not understand it he was tempted to reject the whole thing. As he walked he came upon a little boy whom he saw run to the ocean with a seashell, fill it with water, and then return to pour it into a small hole he had dug in the sand.

Augustine asked the boy what he was doing. "Oh," replied the boy, "I am trying to put the ocean into this hole." Suddenly it struck Augustine that when it came to God this was exactly what he was trying to do. He later confessed, "I see it now. Standing on the shores of time, I am trying to get into this little finite mind things which are infinite." Augustine then said, "Since it is God we are speaking of, you do not understand it. If you could understand it, it would not be God."

We need to humble ourselves before God! We have 3 pound brains that cannot completely figure out His great plan of salvation. Yes, we have the mind of Christ and there is much by grace we can comprehend, and yet we will never completely plumb the awesome depths of the riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God. They are unsearchable and past finding out. The proper response is one of faith and worship! We bow before His awesome glory!

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Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV)

2 It is the **glory of God to conceal a matter**. But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

It is God's glory to conceal things, and it is to His glory to reveal it to those who in faith humble themselves before Him. The Bible says that in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (cf. Col. 2:3). In Christ we now have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), but even so we only know in part as we see only dimly in light of eternity (cf. Cor. 13:12)!



Deut. 29:29 is still true, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever...". And it ever remains true that the secret things belong to God and they are past finding out.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)

- **8** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.
- **9** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Someone has well said that we don't know enough about the unknown to know that it is unknowable. Profound but true! We only know what we have been told and it is sufficient but it is far from exhaustive. Our knowledge of God will be like eternity – there is always more!

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34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

This is a quote that essentially comes from Isaiah 40:13-14 (cf. Jer. 23:18; 1 Cor. 2:16). The answer to both questions is "NO ONE!"

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Isaiah 40:13-14 (NKJV)

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?

No one independently has ever known the mind of the LORD. No one has ever schooled Him. He has never ever learned a single thing from anyone! We learn from Him, but He learns nothing from us.

I often need help and when I do I run to those who know more than I do on a given subject. I seek their counsel. Happens all the time.

Often I google information about whatever I am trying to fix. When I wanted to install an icemaker, I googled it. A part on my vehicle broke so I googled it. And on and on! God has never had anyone counsel or advise Him. No one has ever pointed out some new insight to Him because He already knows everything about everything.

God not only knows all things and masterfully carries out His plan, but in the process He is totally and completely independent of any outside advice! He needs no one! He is all by Himself totally in the KNOW!

Some people act like they want to serve God in an advisory capacity. Sorry! Such help is not wanted or needed!

35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"

This is essentially a quote from God as found in Job 41:11.

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Job 41:11 (NKJV)

11 Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine.

God is debtor to know one!

Get Your Own Dirt (Parable)

God was once approached by a scientist who said, "Listen God, we've decided we don't need you anymore. These days we can clone people, transplant organs and do all sorts of things that used to be considered miraculous."

God replied, "Don't need me huh? How about we put your theory to the test. Why don't we have a competition to see who can make a human being, say, a male human being."

The scientist agrees, so God declares they should do it like he did in the beginning when he created Adam.

"Fine" says the scientist as he bends down to scoop up a handful of dirt."

"Whoa!" says God, shaking his head in disapproval. "Not so fast. You get your own dirt."

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1 Chronicles 29:14 (NKJV)

14 But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? **For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.**

Many years ago Bible teacher, Dr. R. A. Torrey, told of a time when he was at a meeting for businessmen in Australia when a note was handed to him. It said,

Dear Dr. Torrey, I am in great perplexity. I have been praying for a long time for something that I am confident is according to God's will, but I do not get it. I have been a member of the Church for thirty years, and have tried to be a consistent one all that time. I have been Superintendent in the Sunday School for twenty-five years, and an elder in the church for twenty years; and yet God does not answer my prayer and I cannot understand it. Can you explain it to me? Torrey read the note from the pulpit and replied, "It is very easy to explain it. This man thinks that because he has been a consistent church member for thirty years, a faithful Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-five years, and an elder in the church for twenty years, that God is under obligation to answer his prayer. He is really praying in his own name, and God will not hear our prayers when we approach him in that way."

God owes us NOTHING! All is of grace!

Everything we have has come from God and never the other way around. The only thing we can give to God is the glory that He rightly deserves.

Psalm 50:12 (NKJV)

12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

Paul in 1 Cor. 4:7 says, "what do you have that you did not receive?" This is GRACE – all is of GRACE. And grace is all one way – from God to us! God is the great giver – we are all receivers. No one can say "God owes me" because God is no mans debtor. He owes no one anything.

In the greater context the great issue under discussion is salvation. God owes us NOTHING! Salvation is totally of God's grace – freely given by God (Rom. 8:32).

Verse 35...indicate [s]...that one experiences the "riches" of God's mercy (11:32-33) on the basis of His grace, not through reciprocity [rest – i – pross -ity] whereby He gives grace to those who have earned it. – *The Moody Bible Commentary*

What man in all the earth ever gave God anything so that God should be compelled to give him something in return? No man! That disposes of salvation by works! – *Alva J. McClain*

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God is...

- Incomprehensible (v. 33)
- Independent self-sufficient (v. 34)
- Indebted to no one (v. 35)

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

This is a glorious comprehensive statement on the absolute sovereignty of God. Of Him and through Him and to Him are all things. Not some things – but ALL THINGS! Nothing is left out of this formula!

Of Him means that God is the source of all things. Everything begins with Him. He is the Alpha – the first letter of the Greek alphabet indicating everything starts with Him. God is the cause of all!

All things are through Him. He facilitates everything. Nothing happens without Him. Nothing happens that does not pass through the hands of God. Everything has God's fingerprints on it. Everything is channeled through Him. He sustains all things (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3).

And all things are to Him – meaning God is the ultimate GOAL of all things. Everything finds its end in Him. He is not only the Alpha but also the Omega (the last letter of the Greek alphabet). God is the final purpose and goal of all things. Everything finds its ultimate consummation in Him (Rev. 21-22).

If we ask where all things came from...the answer must be, "From God." If we ask how all things...remain in being, our answer is "Through God." If we ask...where everything is going, our answer must be, "For and to God." - John Stott

Who can fathom His wondrous salvation of the lost human race...the miracle of justification...our sanctifying identification with Him...the victory of the Christian life...the mystery of His dealings with Israel? Worshiping God for His knowledge and wisdom fills us with mystery and hope for the future. – *R. Kent Hughes*

Everything begins and ends with God, and in the middle He has everything to do with the whole process. God is God over every detail of everything every step of the way!

And this is most true when it comes to His grand plan of salvation. He does it all. All glory goes to Him! And the glory belongs to God forever and ever!

The Chinese Christians have a saying that says to their Church leaders: "Don't touch the girls, don't touch the gold, and don't touch the glory". The glory belongs to God alone – it is His and His alone for all eternity!

And don't forget the "Amen". It is a strong affirmation meaning "so be it".

Someone once wrote an essay about her peacocks and the reaction they would bring to people driving by when they unfurled their feathers in all their glory.



One truck driver yelled out, "Get a load of that". Most would just stare in amazement, but she said, her favorite came from an elderly Christian woman who simply exclaimed, "Amen! Amen!"

Amen to the glory of God who is sovereign over all things – "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

AMEN AND AMEN!