

As far as the Gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs,

### for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable.

Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience,

so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you.

## For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

### "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?"

### "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

### The Plan of God in History (Romans 9–11)

### God's children are the descendants of His <u>promises</u> to Abraham, not Abraham's flesh.

ROMANS 9:1-13

# God's salvation is accomplished by God's grace and for His glory, not our <u>effort</u>.

ROMANS 9:14-29

# God's approval — our righteousness — is only attainable through faith in Christ.

ROMANS 9:30-10:4

## God uses our <u>faithful</u> and <u>courageous</u> witness to call people to the Gospel.

ROMANS 10:5-21



### God's mysterious plans result in unfathomable <u>blessings</u> for all of humanity.

## God's salvation story is stunningly cosmic in scope and personal in result.

ROMANS 11:17-27

## God's mercy to humanity fuels worship of God's unique power and character.

ROMANS 11:28-36

### The Mercy of God to Humanity (Romans 11:28–32)

"Whereas God has already been merciful to disobedient but repentant Gentiles, His mercy to disobedient Israel belongs largely to the future."

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Now we know that whatever see the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

**ROMANS 3:19** 

God is the prime mover of what happens spiritually to and with us. He selects, initiates, and saves. "To perceive the meaning of the events in history we need God's interpretive binoculars that will enable us to see aright what he is up to."

THOMAS SCHREINER

### The Praise of God for Eternity (Romans 11:33–36)

"Paul has been like an Alpine mountain climber. Now he has reached the peak, and he does just what anyone else would do — he turns around and looks back to see how far he has come, to know the path which he has traversed to reach this height!"

"For eleven chapters
Paul has been giving his
comprehensive account of the
Gospel..."

JOHN STOTT

"Now he stops, out of breath. Analysis and argument must give way to adoration. Before Paul goes on to outline the practical implications of the Gospel, he falls down before God and worships."

- 1. There should be no worship without truth.
- 2. There should be no teaching or study of truth without worship.
- 3. Doctrines that exalt God lead to the greatest joy.
- 4. We do not need to understand everything to praise the God who does.

We don't worship things or beings that we can explain or control.

From where did everything come? God is the source.

How does everything exist? God is the means.

Why does everything exist?
Where is it going? God is the goal.

Life is about God. That's why we worship Him.

For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

COLOSSIANS 1:16

He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment — to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.



