



This is all about WORSHIP.

Worship produces wonder, so we GROW.

Worship produces passion, so we GO.

The infinite purposes of God bring Him infinite glory!

I. The surpassing wise ways of God leave us in awe. (11:33)

Paul has just unpacked the gospel of salvation and is overwhelmed by the wonder of it all.

II. The One who needs nothing, powerfully meets our need. (11:34-35)

A. No advice needed. (11:34)

Instead, we are floored by His wisdom.

B. He owes us nothing. (11:35)

But He gives us everything we need for life and godliness.

III. From Him, through Him and to Him are all things and all glory. (11:36)

How does this apply to me?

INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

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PASSAGE OVERVIEW

Romans 1-11 are a profound treatise on salvation. Paul explodes in worship and praise as he comes to the end of that rich and deep exposition of the doctrine of salvation. Chapters 12-16 then are filled with practical teaching about how the believer should live in light of having been saved so completely by God.

The only possible place to start in responding to Christ's life giving sacrificial love for us is to sacrifice ourselves to Him. Offering ourselves as living sacrifices is our response of worship. But it is important to note that it is a comprehensive laying of ourselves down at His disposal: body and mind.

This is no spiritual mental assent in worship that is disengaged from daily life. Nor can we offer only our bodies, without giving Him our minds. Worship includes every dimension of life. The physical, intellectual, and social dimensions of life are all to be lived as sacrificed to Him.

So Paul explains how we are to use the spiritual gifts which the Holy Spirit grants us as believers for His glory. In doing so, these gifts bless His people. In the same way, our interpersonal interactions with those who dislike and even persecute us are guided by the truth that we belong to Christ, not ourselves.

Even our attitude towards earthly governments must be determined by our worship of God. These governments are appointed by God, whether we like them or not. We are to give to governing officials what is owed to them, including taxes, respect, and honor.

We have lost our "rights" to the One who purchased us by His blood. Every aspect of life is worship.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Romans 12:1-13:8

