

ROMANS

“SOVEREIGNTY & MYSTERY”

Romans 9:14-29

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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.

Romans 11:33-36

OUR KEY DIFFICULTIES:

1. We continually _____ with our _____ to be God.
2. If Scripture communicates something _____ to how we _____ God should be, our first reaction is often to _____ it.
3. We believe God _____ us an _____.

OVERCOMING THESE DIFFICULTIES:

FOUNDATIONAL STARTING POINTS...

1. God is _____, and everything He does is _____ (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 18:30; Mt. 5:48).
2. God’s _____ must be our final _____ (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Ps. 33:4; Jn. 17:17).

3. Everything _____ to bring _____ to God (Rom. 11:36; Is. 43:7; Rev. 4:11; Col. 1:16).

4. We don’t need to know to _____, we just need to know _____ (Job 38-42; Rom. 8:28; Mt. 10:29-31).

A GLIMPSE INTO GOD’S PURPOSE FOR ELECTION

★ To make the riches of His _____ known to the objects of His _____, whom He prepared in advance for _____, from both Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 9:23; 2:4; 8:29-30).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ◆ What is my role as an ambassador of Jesus Christ?
- ◆ How do I demonstrate that I have a heart of mercy after all the mercy that has been shown me by God?
- ◆ How should the truths of God’s sovereignty impact issues like worry and anxiety?
- ◆ What questions do I have that I want to think about further?

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OUR KEY DIFFICULTIES:

1. We continually **struggle** with our **desire** to be God.
2. If Scripture communicates something **contrary** to how we **think** God should be, our first reaction is often to **reject** it.
3. We believe God **owes** us an **explanation**.

OVERCOMING THESE DIFFICULTIES:

FOUNDATIONAL STARTING POINTS...

1. God is **perfect**, and everything He does is **perfect** (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 18:30; Mt. 5:48).
2. God’s **Word** must be our final **authority** (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Ps. 33:4; Jn. 17:17).

3. Everything **exists** to bring **glory** to God (Rom. 11:36; Is. 43:7; Rev. 4:11; Col. 1:16).
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