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The Mystery of God's Merciful Plan (verses 25-29)

“Saying that the church is in decline is like saying that it's raining in Asia. Always true somewhere. Never true everywhere.”

—Andrew Wilson

The Vastness of God's Merciful Plan (verses 30-32)

Romans 11:32, paraphrased by Ray Ortlund, Jr.

What, then, have we learned of the ways of God?
That God has so ordered history and our lives as to
confine us all to a disobedience from which we could
not escape, so that he could then bestow upon us all
a mercy we could never deserve. His mercy
triumphs over our disobedience.

”If some king of the earth have so large an extent of dominion in north and south that he hath winter and summer together in his dominions, so large an extent east and west that he hath day and night together in his dominions, much more hath God mercy and judgment together. He brought light out of darkness, not out of a lesser light. He can bring thy summer out of winter, though thou have no spring . . . All occasions invite his mercies, and all times are his seasons.”

—John Donne

The Depth of God's Merciful Plan (verses 33-36)