



*PAUL'S LETTER TO THE*  
**Romans**

**Romans 11:30-36**

**How Awesome and Unfathomable  
Are God's Ways**

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**Paul's Summary of God's Plan**

Romans 11:30-31 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.

1<sup>st</sup> Advent    2<sup>nd</sup> Advent

Time of Gentiles



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**God's Mercy Extended to "All"**

Romans 11:32 For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

**Salvation History:**  
Israel  
Gentiles  
Israel

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### Paul Marvels at God's Plan

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

Romans 11:12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

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### God's Grace Is Unmerited

Romans 11:34-35 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

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### God Gets All the Glory

Romans 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

#### Prepositions:

From = ek – source

Through = dia – means

To = eis – purpose or goal

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### Applications

1. We should know that God is glorified through His salvific plan, and He allows us to participate!

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### God Is Glorified in His Salvific Plan

Romans 9:22-24 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and **that He might make known the riches of His glory** on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

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### God Alone Is Glorified

Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD, that is My name; **and My glory I will not give to another**, nor My praise to carved images.

#### Glory:

1. Weightiness (honor)
2. Splendor (in being and appearance)
3. Perfection (morally and in function)

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### Believers Share a Derived Glory

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory** of God...

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; **and we exult in hope of the glory of God.**

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### Believers Share a Derived Glory

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory** that is to be revealed **to us.**

Romans 8:21 the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of **the glory of the children of God.**

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### Believers Share a Derived Glory

Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; **21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory,** by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

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### Believers Share a Derived Glory

1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed...

1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

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