

Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Recognizing & Reconciling The Mystery & Majesty Of God's Wisdom: What God Said Is Guaranteed!

—Lessons to Learn From Romans 10:18–11:36

A SUMMARY STATEMENT ABOUT TODAY'S STUDY

The _____ of God's _____ &
_____ are absolutely astounding &
our _____ to completely comprehend! His _____,
_____ & _____ are always _____
& God is _____ in everything He does!

A RAPID Review for the sake of clarity & understanding:

—Romans 1–8 = a **power-packed presentation** of God's **provision** for our **forgiveness & freedom** from sin!!!

—Romans 9–11 asks & answers:

- “What's God's plan for Israel's future?”
- “Will God keep His promises for the Jewish people?”
- “Why are there so many Jewish people who are missing out on the fulfillment & blessings of the Gospel?”
- “How did the Gentiles become part of God's plan?”
- “How does this apply to the church in a personal & practical way?”

—The answers to these questions point to the trustworthiness of God and His Word by proving that Israel is a part of God's future plans.

—An **undeniable & underlying TRUTH** we should always remember: Because of the sin committed by Adam & Eve in the Garden, Jesus Christ is the only person who was born without a sin nature! Everyone else faces the reality of condemnation due to sin. The only solution is God's plan of salvation fulfilled by our Lord Jesus Christ!

—Analyzing what Romans 10:18–11:36 teaches/tells us:

—1— Even though Israel has been obstinate & disobedient, God hasn't rejected them! {10:18–11:10}

—2— Israel's resistance toward the Lord resulted in the Church, but we should always remember that our faith has Jewish roots! {11:11–24}

—3— Israel will be restored into God's favor because God's gracious gifts & calling will never be revoked! {11:25–32}

—4— God's purposes are locked up in the wealth of His wisdom!
{11:33–36}

—4— Our PERSONAL response to God's wisdom:

SOME Practical CONCLUSIONS to apply to our lives:

—1— God **never** breaks His promises!

—2— Pride leads to taking God's grace for granted!

—3— Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen! {Ephesians 3:20–21}

— Questions for Personal Reflection & Discussion **—**

—1} Romans 11:33–36 places a huge exclamation mark (!) on what Paul has presented in Romans 1–11. Why is it beneficial for us to realize the **infinite nature** of God's wisdom and knowledge in contrast to our **finite ability** to understand the plans & purposes of God's judgments and ways? How does this influence our need to trust the Lord when in reality we might be struggling to understand how things are going to fit together? Take a look at Isaiah 55:1–13, but especially 5–11. What should be our primary source for wisdom, understanding, & discernment? (How does the indwelling of God's Spirit help us?)

—2} How would you define **wisdom** and how is **wisdom** different than **knowledge**? (For help, take notice of what Proverbs 8–9 says about wisdom. Also Proverbs 16:1–9 might provide some insights.)

—3} Many aspects of God's prophetic promises are mysterious. For example, the Church is called a mystery. Over the years since the Protestant Reformation, many of God's promises to Israel have been ignored or disregarded. Even though, these are made to Israel & not specifically to the Church, why is it helpful for us to understand what God has promised and to realize that He never breaks any of them?

—4} The Church exists to give glory to God! Considering Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 3:20–21; and Psalm 19:1–14, how do we give glory to God? How can we do this in a practical way?