

The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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O, The Depth and the Riches!

- Renn Ferguson

How many of us after reading the title thought "of God's saving grace flowing down from the cross for me"? While that is a wonderful song and certainly true, that is not what we will be looking at today.

Paul uses this phrase in Romans 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" (ESV). Paul's admiration of God in this passage is something we all out to emulate. Let us briefly examine what he says.

Oh, the depth- this is a phrase that is used to describe something that beyond comprehension. It is too great to fully understand.

of the riches- this denotes immeasurable wealth. When we learn of God and study His word, we gain immense spiritual wealth.

and wisdom- wisdom is often described as knowledge in action. God can discern the best possible way to accomplish His will.

and knowledge of God- God is an omniscient being meaning that He knows everything. There is no limit to His knowledge.

How unsearchable- Again, we see this idea of never being able to fully understand His ways.

are His judgments- often this term is used in a judicial sense referring to His law. However, we have and can know His law (John 8:32, 2 Peter 1 :3). Here he must be referring to something else. We can properly apply this term to God's plans. Specifically in the context it is His plan to save both Jew and Gentile in Christ.

and how inscrutable are his ways- Just as we cannot always fully understand God's plan, we likewise cannot fully understand the means by which He accomplishes it. God constantly works through His providence to bring about His will. We often only see Him working in retrospect.

Paul praised and admired God for His infinite wisdom and knowledge. Though we may not always know how God works in our lives let us learn to put our trust in Him.

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