

**“The Depth of the Riches of the Wisdom of God”**

Rom 11.12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! 13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ... 25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." 28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

\* **What was** the main point of vs 17-24, which we covered last week?

\* **This week** we focus on, What is God doing? Why is every thing so \_\_\_\_\_? Did God's plan with Israel \_\_\_\_\_, so that he had to come up with Plan \_\_\_\_ with the Gentiles?

\* **Paul tells** us that in and thru all of this messiness, God has been working his deep salvational designs, so much so that even Israel's greatest \_\_\_\_\_ will redound to salvation to the world; and Israel herself will receive \_\_\_\_\_ thru the Gentiles, so that in the end, nothing is lost; all redounds to God's glory and to his \_\_\_\_\_ to all nations.

\* **What is** the star of the show in Romans 9 – 11?

\* **What is** Paul saying in vs 15?

2Cor 15.19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself

Col 1.20 reconciliation was "through the blood of His cross"

Acts 2.22 "Men of Israel, ... Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested to you by God through miracles, wonders, and signs ... as you yourselves know — 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death"

Rom 7.13 [S]in, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Rom 5.7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die ... 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners [and enemies (10)] Christ died for us ... 20 ... [W]here sin abounded, grace abounded much more

\* **What happens** when Israel, who is supposed to be God's river of life to the world, dams up the river and turns it into a private pond for Israel?

\* **What will** happen when Israel turns to Jesus, believes in him, and becomes a river of living water as intended? (15)

\* **What does** Paul mean by "life from the dead"? (15)

\* **Give a** historical example of a great revival?

\* **What is** the connection between the “fullness of Israel” (12) and the “fullness of the Gentiles” (25)?

*Isa 59.1 Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity ... 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they have not known ... 16 [The LORD] saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head ... 18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. 20 The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” Says the LORD. 21 “As for Me,” says the LORD, “this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the LORD, “from this time and forevermore.” 60.1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 ... They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.”*

\* **Isa 59-60** & Rom 11 are consistent with the Bible’s depiction of the historical \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s kingdom.

*1Cor 15.21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the first-fruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.*

*John 5.27 “[The Father] has given [the Son] authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”*

*Heb 10.12 This Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.*

*Psalms 99.5 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool*

*Isa 66.1 Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is My throne, and earth in My footstool.*

*Phil 2.9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Isaiah 45.21 “There is no God besides Me, a just God and as Savior ... 22 Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! ... 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. 24 He shall say, ‘Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him. 25 In the LORD all the descendants of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.’”*

*Mat 13.31 “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree ... 33 ... The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”*

*Isa 11.9 “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.” 11 It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left ... 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”*

\* **What is Paul not saying?**

*Gal 3.7 Only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.*

*Phil 3.3 We are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

*Heb 12.22 [Y]ou have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, ... 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant ...*