## "To Him Be Glory Forever!" Romans 11:25-36

"God's great purpose in all things (Romans 11:36) is to bring glory to Himself. The purpose of every created thing and being is to glorify God. We are called to glorify God because He is glorious! People are saved because God is glorious. Salvation is about God being glorified." (Ephesians 1:6 & 12-14)

- What is God's glory? Or what is God's beauty?
  - We were created for His glory (Isaiah 43:7) and we were saved for His glory (Ephesians 1:6 & 12-14).
  - God's grace and mercy is glorious/beautiful and should lead us to glorify/worship Him (Isaiah 30:18; Psalm 103:8).
  - o *God's truth* is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (John 1:14; John 17:17; Romans 10:17; Philippians 4:8).
  - God's love is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (1 John 4:7-12 & 18-21).
  - o God's holiness is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (1 John 1:5-10; 1 Peter 1:14-21).
  - God being just is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (Romans 12:18-21; Deuteronomy 32:4).
  - God being faithful is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 13:5-6).
  - God saving people is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (Isaiah 45:21-22; 1 Timothy 2:3-4).
  - God having wrath toward sin is glorious and should lead us to glorify Him (Romans 3:22-26; 1 John 2:1-4).
- By God's nature He is a Savior. He must allow for sin and Hell for us to see His grace and mercy glorious and give Him glory for it. Our only hope is His grace and mercy leading to an eternal glory given to our glorious God.
  - The Fall gives glory to His grace and mercy (Genesis 2:16 & 3:1-19).
  - The promise to Abraham (Joshua 24:2-3) to bless the world gives glory to His grace and mercy (Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 4:16-25).
  - o The Law gives glory to His grace and mercy (Matthew 5:17-20 & 48; Romans 3:20).
  - The Gentile's separation from God gives glory to His mercy and grace (Jonah 1:1-2 & 3:5;
     Ephesians 2:11-13).
  - o The work/cross of Christ gives glory to His mercy and grace (Acts 4:11-12; Ephesians 2:4-9).
  - Israel's rejection and the time of the Gentile's gives glory to His mercy and grace (Romans 11:11 & 25).
  - Israel's Millennial Kingdom restoration gives glory to His mercy and grace (Romans 11:26-27; Acts 15:12-18).
- What should this lead to?
  - A great humble worship of God. God is beyond our comprehension; worship Him in humble submission to His Word for His glory. God owes us nothing and yet saves us; worship Him in humble submission to His Word for His glory. God has given us the ability to enjoy Him and His beauty for all of eternity; worship Him in humble submission to His Word for His glory.

Worship: Rock of Ages (The Modern Post)

Come Thou Fount (Kings Kaleidoscope)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Various Artists)

Closing Song: How Deep (Kings Kaleidoscope)

## **Announcements:**

- \*Volunteers: We have a couple of wonderful opportunities for our church members to get involved in serving our church body:
  - 1. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!
  - 2. SET-UP/TEAR-DOWN MINISTRY: We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the set-up and tear-down of the facility for the worship services. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions, please talk to Hunter!
- \*Members Meeting: We are having a meeting TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for that meeting. We anticipate the meeting to last approximately 30 minutes. \*Fellowship Dinner: We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, August 1st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something! We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!
- \*Special Offering: Throughout the months of July and August we are collecting a special offering for the HeartCry Missionary Society! There is a container on the back table, beside the tithe box, for you to put your monetary donations into! There are also 2 options for online giving: directly on their website (the information for this is on the front of the container on the back table) AND through AmazonSmile. (When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, selections, and convenient shopping as on Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice in our case, HeartCry.) This is also a way to give to them throughout the year, not just during these next couple of months. There are handouts on the back table with more information on how to set up AmazonSmile. Please see Pastor Joel for any questions about AmazonSmile.
- \*Communion: We will be partaking of communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, August 1st.