

March 15, 2020
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Romans 11:33-36

“Pandemics, Providence, Peace and Praise”

Pandemics

Providence & Peace

- I. Three Facts About God – v. 33
 - A. He _____ everything there is to _____.
 - B. He makes _____ we can’t understand.
 - C. He alone knows _____ everything happens.

- II. Three Things No One Can Do – v. 34-35
 - A. No One Can _____ God
 - B. No one can _____ God.
 - C. No one can accuse God of _____.

- III. Three Reasons to **Praise** God – v. 36
 - A. He is the _____ of all things.
 - B. He is the _____ of all things
 - C. He is the supreme _____ of all things

- IV. To Him be the _____ forever!

So What?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a pandemic? How does it differ from an epidemic? Why are people so fearful right now? What does fear / anxiety / panic reveal about our theology?
2. In Romans 9, what was troubling the Apostle Paul? How deeply disturbing was it to him? What did he realize in 9:6 about God's promises? Does God ever fail to keep His promises? Does He only keep His promises to national Israel, or does He keep them with us as well?
3. What does "providence" mean? What implications does God's providence have for the details of our lives? What impact should that have on our thoughts, emotions, and actions?
4. What are the three facts about God mentioned in Rom. 11:33? How do (or should) these facts help us when we are facing difficult times in life?
5. What are the three things that no one can do in Rom. 11:34-35? Although Paul says we can't do these things, do we ever find ourselves doing them? Do we know everything there is to know about God? If not, why not? Can we know more? How? What might happen to our thoughts, feelings, and actions if we knew more about God? How would that knowledge help us through distressing times?
6. What are the three reasons to praise God in Rom. 11:36? Do these things seem pretty obvious? Although they may be obvious, do they often escape our thought processes throughout the day? How do we maintain an attitude of praise when life isn't going the way we would like it to go? How do we stay encouraged when life is discouraging?
7. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being rarely ever and 10 being all the time), how often do you give glory to God? Where do you find it the most difficult to give glory to God? How would a deeper understanding of the truth of Romans 9-11 help you give God the glory He deserves all the time?
8. Romans 10 makes it clear that people can't respond to the gospel if they don't hear it... someone needs to be sent to clearly proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. People are anxious and fearful because they don't know the true and living God through Jesus Christ. Take some gospel tracts, your testimony, and a clear gospel presentation, and prayerfully go out and talk to people this week. *[If you need training in sharing the Gospel, please talk to **Mika Kaltoft** in the church office]* The Spirit of God is preparing hearts (John 16:7-11) and He will empower you to proclaim the message.

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