

Selected Reading

What does abiding in Christ require? *Many things — and we will notice a few of them. We must **think** of Him, or exercise the *intellect* upon Him. As we are capable of thinking, and have the power of fixing our thoughts upon an object — we must make Christ the *great object of our thoughts*, and think of Him. That we *think* of Christ so little, so seldom — is one great reason why we *enjoy* Christ so little.*

Beloved, we should think . . .
of His glorious person;
of His free and abounding grace;
of His infinite and everlasting merit;
of His deep and tender sympathy;
of His authority and unlimited dominion;
and of His eternal and changeless love!

We should think. . .
of what He was in *glory*;
of what He became on *earth*;
of what He *did* while here below;
of what He *suffered* on our behalf; and
of what He is *now doing* at the right hand of God.

We should think of . . .
His nature,
His offices,
His relations, and
His glorious second advent!

Oh, how much there is in Jesus to occupy our *thoughts*, and feast our *souls*!
Is it not astonishing that we do not think of Him more? Never, never, shall we enjoy deep spirituality; or rise above our doubts and fears; or rejoice in God; or be very useful among our fellow-men — unless we think of Christ more!

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Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Hebrews 10:19-25

Song #233 ~ Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34

Song #244 ~ Not What My Hands Have Done

Prayer

Sermon ~ Romans 11:33-36

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #196 ~ His Robes For Mine

Romans 3:26

“for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

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Text: Romans 11:33-36

Theme: Gentiles should not be conceited, but fear.

I) Don't be proud because God is incomprehensible (v. 33-35).

The Apostle Paul mentions 3 characteristics about God and then supports each of those characteristics in reverse order.

A. The depth of His riches (v. 33a & 35).

1) Paul has just used the term "riches" as a stand alone description in verse 12 (twice). Therefore, verse 33a is also, likely, a stand alone description.

2) Who has first given to Him that it might be paid back (v. 35; cf. Job 41:11)?

3) When we blame God for the difficulties that we face, we are assuming that God owes us something. Have you ever given to God? Then He owes you nothing! The only correct response is that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Bless His name (Job 1:21)!

B. The depth of His wisdom (v. 33a & 34).

1) Paul and Isaiah are talking about the wisdom of God concerning salvation (Is. 40:2, 9, 10).

2) He has measured the waters in His hand. He has weighed the mountains on a scale. No one can fathom the depths of His wisdom (Isaiah 40:12-13).

3) God sits on His throne and rules over all (Is. 40:22). Who are you to question His justness in electing some and rejecting others (Is. 40:14)? When you question His justness, you are just like the craftsman who makes an idol (Is. 40:18)—you have made your own god.

C. The depth of His knowledge (v. 33a & 33b).

1) In this context, Paul is talking about God's foreknowledge. He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

2) His judgments are unsearchable.

3) His ways are unfathomable.

4) He can have mercy on whom He has mercy (Romans 9:15-24).

II) Don't be proud because all things belong to Him (v. 36).

A. Everything is from Him.

1) He is the source of all things.

B. Everything is through Him.

1) He is the creator of all things.

C. Everything is to Him.

1) Everything belongs to Him.

D. Therefore, He deserves all the glory.