

TREASURE GOD

ROMANS 11:33-36

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Paul now concludes God's great sovereign plan of salvation in chapters 9-11 with eloquent praise that helps us to treasure God.

WORSHIP HIM. From the beginning, God's judgment of sin and the gift of salvation (given at the expense of His Son) is beyond the creativity of human intelligence. Jesus's blood poured out on the cross demonstrated God's love for mankind. Justification by faith and the meaning of "Christ in you" and "Abba Father" are incomprehensible to the world, but to the believer they speak of "perfect salvation." (**Romans 11:33, fn 11:33, Colossians 1:9-14, fn 1:13, Colossians 2:2, 3, Ecclesiastes 3:11, fn 3:11**) *What is it about your salvation that encourages you to worship Jesus Christ?*

HONOR HIM. God's gift cannot be bargained for. His way, His truth, and His life are not negotiable. He gives the Holy Spirit who communicates Christ's Word to you in the Scriptures. (**Romans 11:34, 35, fn 11:34-36, Isaiah 40:12, 13, fn 40:12-31, I Corinthians 2:6-16, fn 2:10, fn 2:15,16**) *What if you honored God by spending at least thirty minutes each day in quiet time with the Lord and in the Scriptures? How could that help you to treasure God?*

BELIEVE HIM. The creation reveals God to all. Faith in Jesus Christ is a perfect plan of salvation for all mankind for all times. Tim Keller quotes C.S. Lewis saying "The Scotch catechism says 'a man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.'" Timothy Keller, *Prayer*, pp. 203, 204. Now your faith glorifies Him! (**Romans 11:36, Romans 1:19, 20, fn 1:20[1st], Colossians 1:15-20, fn 1:18, I Corinthians 8:6, John 6:28, 29, fn 6:28, 29, II Corinthians 3:13-4:6, fn 3:13-18, Psalm 150:1-6, fn 150:6[1st]**) *How could you glorify (praise) Jesus Christ for your life in Him as it is now and enjoy him forever?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.