

IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM!

(Romans 11:36)

...The Beatles last recorded song was "I, Me, Mine!" Such words reflect the first and the last words of the unregenerate heart. We are born with a bent that thinks the world and everything in it exists for me, and that the world revolves around me, my needs and wants. Such thinking is really secular humanism.

...Jim Boice suggests that the best statement of secular humanism in the Bible is found in Nebuchadnezzar's words in Daniel 4:30...where he survey's his capital and took all the glory for it. God was not impressed and struck him down with insanity to live like an animal for 7 years. Through this God is telling us, such thinking is insane.

...When we become Christians we are changed to see that everything is from, by, and to God for His glory. Three prepositions that tell the whole story. After telling of God's salvation, Paul breaks into this doxology of praise.

TWO AREAS WHERE IT IS RIGHT FOR US TO GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY...FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY!!!

For it is not about us, it all about Him!!!

I. PRAISE HIM FOR THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS, EARTH, AND EVERYTHING WITHIN THEM...FOR IT IS HIS DOING.

- A. God is the source of the entire universe. He is Creator of everything and continues to sustain all things through His power. "from Him." and "through Him"
1. There was a time before the creation when God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were alone. Even outer space did not exist. Yet, God was completely happy and needed nothing. He was "blessed in His eternal existence."
 2. Then, God acted upon His plan to create the universe as we know it.
...He spoke the word, (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6) and out of nothing the universe came into existence. (Hebrews 11:3) "ex nihilo."
...He did not need help to do this!
...He did not need material to make it. Wow!
- B. God created all this for His glory. "to Him"
1. Often we tend to think that it was made for us. It is true that can we enjoy life and appreciate the beauty of the universe.
...But, the creation is not ultimately and finally for us.
 2. The creation is for God's glory!!! It teaches us wonderful things about Him.
...The reason or purpose for which all things were formed is to promote God's honor and glory. So He would have the honor and praise that is due Him. We owe this...
...The entire universe is FROM, THROUGH, and TO GOD.
...Come to think in this Biblical way.

II. PRAISE HIM FOR HIS GOSPEL...FOR THE WHOLE PLAN IS FOR HIS GLORY!

- ...Paul has been writing of the Gospel of Salvation by grace here in Romans. He tells that the way of salvation is also from, through, and to His glory.
- A. It is FROM Him in that He has planned it all. No one else could have.
1. For the Gospel meets the requirements of God's unyielding justice and yet it provides justification for lost sinful men and women. "He is just and justifier..."
...Only God could have planned a salvation that is apart from human merit...
...Romans tells how some of both Jews and Gentiles will be saved. Wow!
 2. Even the timing of salvation is ordained by God. (Gal 4:4) Jesus' whole life and...
- B. It is THROUGH Him alone that our salvation is accomplished. "Jesus did it all"
...Salvation is both good news and bad news. The bad news is our part in it. We did nothing to...
- C. It is TO Him. That is, the chief purpose of our salvation is to glorify God.
1. It is true that we benefit from it. Heaven will be our home forever and ever. But this is not the main reason for salvation. Our happiness is not God's chief purpose.
 2. Why are some chosen to be saved while others are not? It is for God's glory.
...God is glorified in the elect, as it magnifies His love, mercy and grace.
...God is glorified in the lost, as it clearly displays His justice, righteousness and...
 3. Therefore, you should join Paul and sing Doxology to Him who alone is worthy!!!

LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES: