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# The Epistle to the ROMANS

To Whom Be the Glory Forever Romans 11:33–36



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Rom. 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" Rom. 11:33, "Oh, the <u>depth</u> of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

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Rom. 2:4, "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"

Rom. 9:23, "and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory," Eph. 1:7, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the <u>riches</u> of His grace"

Eph. 1:18, "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the <u>riches</u> of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"

Eph. 2:7, 'that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding <u>riches</u> of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Col. 1:27, "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Rom. 11:33, "Oh, the <u>depth</u> of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How <u>unsearchable</u> are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

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ἀνεξιχνίαστος anexichniastos nom fem plur untraceable, inscrutable Prov. 3:19, "The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;"

Psa. 104:24, "O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—"

Psa. 136:5, "To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;"

Rom. 11:34, "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?

Rom. 11:35, "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?"

# Isa. 40:13, "Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has taught Him?

Isa. 40:14, "With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?"

# Job 41:11, "Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine."

# Rom. 11:36, "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."