## GENUINE: WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN? SUPREMACY OF GOD IN SALVATION ROMANS 11:33-36



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"A PROPERLY PROFOUND SENSE OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER EVERY HUMAN AUTHORITY BREEDS HUMILITY." - DAVID K. CLARK<sup>1</sup>

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

## God is sovereign over:

- 1) All Knowledge
- 2) All Nature

"God's providence provides a basis for science: God has made and continues to sustain a universe that acts in predictable ways. If a scientific experiment gives a certain result today, then we can have confidence that (if all the factors are the same) it will give the same result tomorrow and a hundred years from tomorrow. The doctrine of providence also provides a foundation for technology." – Wayne A. Grudem<sup>2</sup>

## 3) All Nations

"It was 'when the fullness of the time was come' that God sent forth His Son. He allowed the great philosophers, with their clarification of thought to come first. Then emerged the Romans, famous for ordered government, building their roads and spreading their wonderful legal system throughout the world. It was after this that God sent forth His Son. God had planned it all." – D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones<sup>3</sup>

## 4) All <u>Salvation</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> David K. Clark, *To Know and Love God* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2003), 78.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004), 317.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, From Fear to Faith: Studies in the Book of Habakkuk (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1982), 22.