



-- **Big Idea:** Let all that we are and do be all about the glory of God.

1.) God's Word and will are unfathomably **WONDERFUL and **WISE** (v. 33).**

- "...depth of the riches..." – There is nothing in all the universe remotely as valuable or as satisfying as knowing God.
- "...depth of the knowledge of God..." – God possesses absolutely perfect knowledge about absolutely every aspect of absolutely everything.
- "...depth of wisdom..." – His every decree is exceedingly brilliant in foresight and eminently right in unblemished righteousness.
- v. 33b – "...how unsearchable his judgments how inscrutable his ways..."
 - Every word of God is filled with depths of perfect wisdom and glorious truths of which we are simply unaware.
 - The smartest person is the one who best knows and **PRACTICES** what God has revealed in the Bible (Matthew 7:24,26).

2.) Man's ideas and agendas are not worth **COMPARING to God's (v. 34).**

- v. 34a – "...for who has known the mind of the Lord..."
 - Isaiah 55:9, Deuteronomy 29:29
- v. 34b – "...who has been his counselor..."
 - It is the apex of both ignorance and arrogance to stand in judgment of God's Word and will.

3.) God doesn't **OWE** anything to anyone (v. 35-36a).

- v. 35 – “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?”
 - It is absolutely impossible for anyone to put God in his/her debt.
 - Anything we give to Him is something that we already owe, because we owe Him absolutely everything.
 - Everything we have to give to God already belongs to him in the first place.
- v. 36 – “For from him and through him and to him are all things.”
 - “...from Him are all things...” – All that is ultimately real and good is of God and from God alone.
 - “...through him are all things...” – The continued **EXISTENCE** of all things is completely dependent upon God's sustaining power (Acts 17:28 Colossians 1:17).
 - “...for him are all things...” – All things exist for the triune God alone.
 - There is only one ultimately worthwhile **PURPOSE** in life, and it is declared in v. 36: “To Him be glory forever amen!” (1 Cor. 10:31).

Application

1.) Live for the **GLORY** of God alone (v. 36b).

- Today's text beckons us to stop living in little worlds of imagined glories and start living for the glory of God in Christ.
- *Who wants to live for his own futile, fleeting, failing glory when offered the opportunity to live for the immeasurably awesome glory of God?*

2.) To live for God's glory requires **OBEDIENCE** to His Word.

- Because the universe is God-centered, true glory cannot arise from anything man-centered.
- *Are your days and nights centered around your own agenda, or God's?*
- *Are we doing our best to know and practice God's Word at FBC?*