

# Correct Theology Leads To Proper Doxology

Romans 11:33-36

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Introduction...

- Since the time of the reformation there has been a struggle between Orthodoxy and Actions or Christian Theology and Christian Living.
- Paul's letter to the Romans reads a lot like a book of Theology but that does not stop him from bursting forth in words of praise.
- Christian Theology and Christian Living are not incompatible, they are inseparable!

Part I – Praising God for His Divine Wisdom

- Omniscience is a theological term that is often used to describe God's wisdom. It means: "All Knowing." There are many Scriptures that demonstrate this attribute of God.  
*(cf. Ps. 139:4, Luke 12:7, John 21:17)*
- Paul knew God's wisdom and he praised Him for it. Do we always praise God for His wisdom?
- God's wisdom is behind His glorious plan for our salvation. Wisdom that is often thought of as foolishness.  
*(cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18)*

- God's infinite wisdom doesn't make sense to us and that is what makes it worthy of our praise.  
*(cf. Isaiah 55:9)*

Part II – Praising God for His Divine Judgments

- The Lord uses His knowledge to dispense divine justice.
- Paul praised God because His judgments are more than verdicts handed down by a stern judge.
- This doxology is in response to the doctrinal points that Paul discussed concerning "election" and "justification."
- Paul's reaction to the unsearchable judgments of God is not to questions God's fairness, but rather to recognize that God is always just and to praise Him for it.  
*(cf. Job 41:11)*

Part III – Praising God for His Divine Mercy

- While the word mercy is not used by Paul in these passages, it is clearly evident when we remember that the God's plan of salvation is 100% His doing.
- From creation to conception, from crucifixion to resurrection, God has done absolutely everything for us. And this leads Paul and us to Praise God in word and life.

Conclusion/Review...

- One rather astute theologian said: "beware of an un-devotional theology and an un-theological devotion."
- Paul didn't avoid theology rather he embraced it and as his faith grew so did his love for God.
- The more we know our Savior the more we will want to praise Him in word and in action.

*(tuck these notes in your Bible for review and encouragement)*