

Title: **For from Him are All Things**

Scripture: Romans 11:26-36

Intro: Pastoral ministry beginning at Journey/CPCOC in 1991! Memories!

Receiving Christ: Freshman in High School – 1974.

Jeremiah 13:11, *"For as the loincloth clings to one's loins, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, says the LORD, in order that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory. But they would not listen.."*

Theme: Trusting in God's Sovereign Grace

God has a plan and purpose for all the nations – every tribe, every tongue, and ethnic group.

Romans 10:9, *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved... 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

IRREVOCABLE GIFT AND CALLING

Romans 11:28, *"As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, 29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable."*

God has placed us who believe in Jesus Christ into an irrevocable trust. Ephesians 1:3, *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved."*

Romans 11:30, *"For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all."*

Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... there is no one who does good – not even one!"

UNFATHOMABLE DEPTHS

Romans 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?" 35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"

ALL THINGS

Romans 11:36, "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." God is the source of all things, the cause of all things, and all things find their purpose in Him.

- FROM HIM

Colossians 1:15, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him **all things** hold together."

Matthew 6:24, "No-one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

- THROUGH HIM

Romans 8:28, "And we know that **all things** work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

- TO HIM

Colossians 1:19, "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself **all things**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

FURTHER STUDY

I would encourage you to read and study Romans 9, 10, and 11. Discover the full context of our passage this morning.