



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

DOXOLOGY

PASSAGE OVERVIEW

Doxology comes from two Greek words. *Doxa* means praise or glory. *Logos* means to speak or word. So doxology means to speak praise.

As Paul concludes his exposition of the gospel, which is Romans 1-11, the wonder of God's plan of salvation causes him to erupt in praise. It is as if he cannot hold back his exuberance, wonder, awe, and worship. It is this worship that propels him, in chapters 12-16, to challenge believers to live lives fully committed to the glory of God.

Consider the doctrinal truths that have led up to this point in Paul's letter. Although all men are rebellious sinners and deserve death before a holy and just God, God's free gift of eternal life is offered instead, in Jesus. Believers move from death to life and from slavery to sin into the freedom of slavery to righteousness. Having been justified through Jesus' vicarious sacrifice, they have peace with God and access into His holy presence. They were loved while still His enemies. They are now secure in His love forever. While remaining faithful to His covenant people, the Jews, He has grafted in those who weren't even seeking Him, the Gentiles.

God alone is the source of all of this good. He is the only means through which this righteous redemption is possible. And to Him alone is all praise.

How often do you gasp in wonder at the holy majesty of God? How often do you find yourself undone by the grace through which you have been saved? When was the last time you couldn't hold back praise to Him?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Romans 11:33-36

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God's unexpected and undeserved mercy, provided in Jesus, displays His glory.

I. God's sovereign mercy displays His glory. (9:1-29)

- A. Mercy is central to the argument here.
- B. Sovereign mercy, not merit, produces children of promise. (9:8, 11)
- C. When all deserve wrath and judgment, His mercy extended to any is undeserved. (9:14-21)
- D. God's glory is seen in His just judgment, and sovereign mercy. (9:22-29)

II. Saving mercy is only provided through Jesus. (9:30-10:21)

- A. Mercy is an undeserved gift, not earned. (9:30-33)
- B. Mercy and righteousness are provided through Jesus alone. (10:1-13)
- C. Go and tell. (10:14-21)

III. God is faithful and generous in His mercy and grace to both Jews and Gentiles. (Ch. 11)

- A. God has not rejected the Jewish people! (11:1-6, 28-32)
- B. Gentiles are grafted in. (11:11-24)
- C. By grace and mercy alone. (11:6, 32)

How does this apply to me?
