



*All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever.
Amen. Romans 16:27*



What is something you've done that you were ridiculously proud of—even though it really wasn't that impressive?

1. **Read Romans 16:25–27.** After sixteen chapters of teaching, correction and encouragement, Paul ends simply by giving glory to God. Why do you think worship is such an appropriate ending to Romans? What does this tell us about the ultimate purpose of good theology?
2. **Read Romans 3:21–24 and Romans 5:6–8.** Paul makes it clear that salvation is something God has done for us, not something we accomplish ourselves. Why is it so difficult for us to accept grace without feeling that we need to earn, deserve or repay it?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:8–10.** We are saved *by grace*, but we are also saved *for good works*. What is the difference between doing good things **to earn God's acceptance** and doing them **because we already have God's acceptance**?
4. **Read Romans 8:1, 31–39.** Paul says there is “no condemnation” for those who belong to Christ and that nothing can separate us from God's love. Which of the truths in this passage do you most need to remember right now? Why?

5. **Read Romans 12:1–2.** After eleven chapters explaining God’s grace, Paul says, “in view of God’s mercy,” give your life to Him. What does being a “living sacrifice” look like in ordinary life—at home, work, school, with money, relationships and plans?
6. **Romans reminds us that grace doesn’t just save us; it changes us.** Think back over your own journey with Jesus. Where can you recognise that you are genuinely different today because of what God has done in you?
7. **Read Psalm 115:1.** “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory.” Where are you most tempted to want the credit, recognition or control? What would it practically look like to surrender that area and say, “**God, You get the glory**”?

Closing Thought

Romans begins with humanity’s mess and ends with God’s glory.

That is the Gospel story. **We didn’t save ourselves. We can’t transform ourselves. We don’t sustain ourselves.** God saves, God changes, God strengthens and God sends.

The goal of the Christian life isn’t that people eventually look at us and say, “*What an impressive person.*” It is that our lives increasingly cause people to say, “**Look what God has done.**”

The best response to God’s grace is a life that points back to Him.

Prayer Focus

Spend some time **thanking before asking.**

Thank God specifically for ways you have seen His grace throughout your life—for salvation, forgiveness, change, provision, strength, people He has placed around you, and ways He has carried you.

Then ask: “**God, is there anything I need to put back on the altar?**”

Pray for one another to live lives that are **saved by the Gospel, changed by grace, sent with hope and lived for His glory.**

All glory to God. Amen.

