Radical Gospel: Radical Faith The Gospel - God's Idea (Part 1) Romans 11:33-36 (page 789)

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God is:

- O m n i s c i e n t "all-knowing"
 (Rom 11:33a; Isa 33:5-6; 46:9-10)
- Transcendent "other than"
 (Rom 11:33b; Isa 40:12; Col 1:17)
- Sovereign "supreme authority"
 (Rom 11:34; Isa 40:13-15; 55:8-9; Job 38:2-4)
- Self-sufficient "complete in Himself" (Rom 11:35;
 Deut 10:14; Job 22:2-3; Psalm 24:1; 50:10-12; Acts 17:25)
- the <u>Source</u>, the <u>Cause</u> and the <u>Consummation</u> of *all that is* (Rom 11:36a; Col 1:15-17; Rev 4:11)

The message of the gospel is <u>n o t</u> about <u>u s</u>, it is about the <u>g l o r y</u> of <u>G o d</u> (Psalm 106:8; Matt 5:16; John 12:27-28; 15:8; 17:4; Rom 15:8-9; Eph 1:3-6; Phil 2:6-11)

My response: To <u>glorify</u> God with my <u>worship</u> (Rom 11:36b; 1 Chr 16:28-29; Psalm 29:2; 86:9; John 4:23-24)

Thinking it through...

How does the cross of Christ and the gospel relate to each of the character traits of God in Romans 11:33-36? For example, if God is omniscient, then God would know the problem and have the solution before the need arose. How does that fit with the gospel originating with God? How does that impact your life?
What do you think about the statement that the gospel is not about us/me, but about God and His glory? Agree/disagree? How does that affect your perspective about the gospel and your relationship to Christ?