

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMEN

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Numbers 6:24-26 *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

Mark Twain said, *"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why."*

Well, today just so happens to be my birthday. To me it is a reminder that God Himself planned for me to be here at this particular time in history. I am only here by His grace and mercy. So today I will celebrate with my family and have my cake and eat it too.

I also am blessed to know why I am here. **Romans 11:36** says, ***"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."*** Let's look at key parts of that Scripture.

First of all, ***"For from him,"*** Everything that is in the universe originates from God (source), exists by His power (sustainer), and ultimately serves His purposes (plan), calling for perpetual worship of His Sovereignty and glory. So realize that God knows you and has planned for you to be here at this very moment in time. You are not an accident with God.

Secondly, ***"and through Him,"*** This means that not only is God the source of all things, He holds them together. He sustains everything that is. He is active and present in the work of keeping the universe running. All things that exist continue through Him. That's good news for us because God becomes our source. We can lean on the Lord in times of difficulty. He is a loving Heavenly Father and will lift us up.

Finally, ***"and for him."*** In other words, everything that exists has been made for God's purposes. They all reflect glory back to Him. Nothing exists that doesn't serve His great plan and purpose for all things. The same goes for you and me. We serve a purpose for the Lord. God has you here for a reason and that reason is to bring Him glory.

Paul finishes with a statement of great worship: ***"To him be the glory forever."*** To God be glory forever! This is both a statement of fact and a prayer for its fulfillment. Glory will flow to God forever, and Paul affirms that is exactly as it should be in the form of a prayer.

He ends the chapter with a formal ***"Amen."*** This word means *"so be it or let it be so."* The word, Amen, is really saying, *"let the will of God be done."* So, on your next birthday when the greeting of "Happy Birthday" comes your way...put an amen on the end of it. You are here because God wanted you here and He has a plan for your life!

**So Be It and Let It Be So,
Pastor Darrell**