

GLORIFYING GOD

Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 115:1** – God’s name is worthy of glory because of His mercy and truth
 - a) God is worthy of glory and honor as our creator and sustainer (Rev. 4:11)
- 2) “**Glorify**” = to render or esteem glorious, i.e. to bring honor and praise to another who is worthy of such an exalted reputation; to adore, elevate in honor
- 3) Unrighteous men in ancient times chose not to glorify God (Romans 1:18-21)
 - a) As a result, their hearts were darkened, and they became corrupt sinners
- 4) How do **we** glorify God? How do we honor and praise His Holy Name? How do we share in that glory as His people?

I) **JESUS**

- A) Jesus, the Son of God, glorified the Father by doing His will on this earth (Jn. 17:4)
 - 1) His birth brought glory to God (Lk. 2:14)
- B) Jesus brought glory to God through signs, wonders, and miracles
 - 1) Healing the paralytic (Matt. 9:1-8)
 - 2) Raising the widow of Nain’s son (Lk. 7:11-17)
 - 3) Healing the woman bent over (Lk. 13:10-13)
 - 4) Cleansing the Samaritan leper (Lk. 17:11-19)
 - 5) Restoring the blind man’s sight (Lk. 18:35-43)
 - 6) Various other miracles of healing (Matt. 15:29-31)
 - a) Such healing miracles alluded to the glorious power and mercy of God to heal the soul from sin (Matt. 8:16-17; Isa. 53:4-5; 1 Pet. 2:24)
- C) Jesus is glorified as the Son of God (Jn. 17:1, 5; Jn. 1:14)

II) **NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS**

- A) New Testament Christians bring glory to God (Eccl. 12:13; 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Pet. 4:11)
 - 1) Being saved from sin (Acts 11:18; Gal. 1:23-24)
 - 2) Obeying God’s will (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Pet. 2:11-12)
 - 3) Fellowship in Christ (Rom. 15:5-7)
 - 4) Worshipful praise (Rom. 15:8-11)
 - 5) Enduring persecution (1 Pet. 4:12-16)
- B) We are a “glorious church” without blemish (Eph. 5:25-27; 3:21; Heb. 2:10)
- C) Sin causes one to “fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23)
 - 1) One cannot bring glory to God or receive glory from God while committing sin
 - 2) Avoiding, opposing, exposing, and punishing sin glorifies God (Lev. 10:1-3)

III) **ETERNAL GLORY**

- A) The godly diligently seek eternal glory (Rom. 2:6-11)
- B) Our lowly body will be conformed to Jesus’ glorious body (Phil. 3:21)
- C) Will appear with Jesus in glory (Col. 3:4)

Conclusion

Do you glorify God in your obedience and worship? Is God’s name glorified in your daily life? Will your death be an occasion to glorify and praise God because of your life?

Blessed be His glorious name forever!
And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen and Amen (Psalm 72:19)

Check out these 10 ways to glorify God all day and every day

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- 1) **In our thoughts.** God knows our minds and our hearts, and our inner self usually reflects our outer actions, deeds and attitudes. So if our desire is to glorify God in everything that we do, then we should ensure that our thoughts and our emotions are glorifying Him by remaining true to His commandments. This isn't always going to be easy, especially during rough patches in life, but it's during these trying times that our glorification of God means the most.
- 2) **In our words.** The way we speak to others and about others should be glorifying to God. So avoid abusive or harsh words, sarcasm, gossip and negative language that's meant to hurt, insult, abuse or belittle.
- 3) **In our deeds.** *"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."* (Matthew 5:16). This includes not only the activities we partake in for others, but also those we do for ourselves. Our deeds should be a reflection of Christ. So when people see what you do for others, they see Christ in your actions. And in glorifying Him, we should be sure not to put the focus on ourselves.
- 4) **In our attitude.** Our perspective about life, people and ourselves is an outward reflection of our inner self. People are usually turned off by a negative or pessimistic person. How can a person see Christ in cynicism? It's important to maintain a Godly attitude that encompasses patience, goodness, kindness and compassion.
- 5) **In our physical self.** The way that we treat the bodies that Christ gifted us with is a way of glorifying Him. Keeping our bodies healthy by not overindulging or undernourishing ourselves, or abusing it with drugs. Modesty is also important in presenting ourselves in a manner that glorifies God.
- 6) **In good and bad times.** It's easy to glorify God when things are going well, right? But what about during those times of struggle and suffering? These are the moments when glorifying God means so much. Christ suffered for us, and when we suffer, we grow in our holiness and our relationship with Christ becomes stronger.
- 7) **In our work.** This relates to school, jobs and chores. Enhancing our minds and strengthening our knowledge are ways that we can use the amazing mind that God gave us! Scripture calls for us to work hard, but to never allow work and money and ambition to consume us or overshadow Him. And every aspect of our work ethic should reveal God's glory.
- 8) **In our play.** This includes our entertainment, how we use our time and what we consume our minds with, whether through television shows, movies, books, music and social media. We should be focused on Godly media. In activities such as sports, we should remain true to God's teachings, such as playing fair, using patience and being honest. And when we hang out with our friends, we should always remember to behave in a manner that glorifies God.
- 9) **In our evangelizing.** Glorify His name at every opportunity. This includes not taking His name in vain! And when sharing the Word with others, we must do so in a manner that adheres to His teaching, not our own agendas. We must do so with kindness and compassion, as Jesus did. And we must do so without judging the heart or assuming ourselves to be better than others. We should be bringing people to Christ, not turning them away. We should be His disciples.
- 10) **In our relationships.** The way we treat our families and friends should be a reflection of how Christ treated people. The relationships that we have should adhere to His Word and His design. So, work to create happy and healthy relationships with people.

In the event that I've forgotten a specific something, let me reiterate that whatever we do, whatever we say, whatever we feel, whatever we think, whatever we pray, let it all be to the Glory of God!
"Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:11)