

# To God Be the Glory!

## Introduction:

1. Every individual and especially every Christian should be glorifying God.

A. What is glory? “Honor”, “praise”

1) To glorify God is to “magnify, praise, ascribe honor, to acknowledge God as to His being, attributes and acts.”

2. There are various examples in the Bible of people glorifying God:

A. Moses, after God saved Israel from Egypt.

Exod 15:1-2 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea! The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; he is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

B. David, in preparing materials for the building of the temple.  
**1 Chronicles 29:10-16**

C. Angels, at the news of the birth of Jesus.  
**Luke 2:9-14**

4. This evening, I would like to ask and answer two questions regarding glorifying God.

A. Why should we glorify God?

B. How can we glorify God?

## Why Should We Glorify God?

### 1. First of all because He is God!

A. If this was the only answer we gave it would be enough.

B. If we **know** God, then we will WANT to glorify Him.

C. Let's first notice some things about God:

#### 1) He is the creator and sustainer of all things:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Acts 17:24-29**

#### 2) He made us and gave us life.

**Psalms 139:13-16**

#### 3) He is loving, kind and full of grace - giving us His Son.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### 4) He hears and answers our prayers.

John 9:31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

#### 5) He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

## 2. Secondly, because we are **commanded** to glorify Him.

1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Cor 1:31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

## 3. And Third, it is our purpose for being a Christian. **Ephesians 1:11-14**

Isa 43:5-7 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth--Everyone who is called by My name, **whom I have created for My glory**; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.

## How Can We Glorify God?

### 1. By whatever we do.

1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

#### A. This means by our words and our deeds.

Col 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through Him**.

1 Pet 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be **glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion** forever and ever. Amen.

Heb 13:15-16 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the **sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**1) By our words:****a. Our everyday speech should glorify God.**

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

**b. Our praying “hallowed be thy name.” (Matt 6:9)****c. Our singing.**

Eph 5:19-20 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone **cheerful**? Let him sing psalms.

**2) By our deeds.****a. In our body.**

1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**b. In our worship.**

**John 4:24**

Matt 15:8-9 These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

**c. By bearing much fruit.**

John 15:8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**d. By our purity of life.**

Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

1 Pet 2:12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**e. In our sufferings for Christ.**

1 Pet 4:15-16 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

**Conclusion**

**1. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

**2. Let's strive to glorify God in all that we do.**

**3. You can begin to do so this very hour by becoming a Christian**

1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**4. Then we can continue to glorify God by being faithful to Him. When we do, He has promised us a crown of life (Rev 2:10).**

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