

Sermon Quotes
March 2nd, 2008
What IS The Glory Of God?

Scripture Text: Romans 5: 1-2

Complete this phrase:

“The glory of God is _____ . “

John 11:4 ESV But when Jesus heard it (when Lazarus died) he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for **the glory of God**, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Acts 7:55 ESV (When Stephen was being stoned) “But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw **the glory of God**, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”

Romans 3:23 ESV “For all have sinned and fall short of **the glory of God...**”

Romans 15:7 ESV “Therefore welcome (or accept) one another as Christ has welcomed you, for **the glory of God.**”

1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **DO ALL to the glory of God.**”

1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...in order that **in everything God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Question - “What is the chief end (or...main purpose) of man?”

Answer - “The chief end of Man is **to glorify God** and enjoy Him forever.”

“The glory of God is a silver thread which must run through all our actions.”

—Thomas Watson

Challenging Question:

Right now—today—how much of your time, how many of your decisions and choices are made “for the glory of God?”

Hebrews 11:1 ESV “Now **faith is** the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 “**Love is** patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...”

“Glory is not easy to define. It is like beauty. How would you define beauty? Some things we have to point at rather than define. But let me try. God's glory is the beauty of his manifold perfections. It can refer to the bright and awesome radiance that sometimes breaks forth in visible manifestations. Or it can refer to the infinite moral excellence of his character. In either case it signifies a reality of infinite greatness and worth.”

—John Piper

“Glory in the Old Testament is associated with value, riches, splendor, and dignity. When Moses asked to see God's glory, God proclaimed to Moses His name; that is, He revealed to Moses something of His nature, character, and power...New Testament writers proclaim that the glory of God is now revealed in Jesus Christ.”

—Reformation Study Bible

God's glory is the beauty, power, wisdom and splendor of His character revealed in a variety of ways, but displayed in its highest and fullest measure through the gospel of His Son.

1 – God's glory is woven into His very nature.

“The glory that God has in Himself is His intrinsic glory. Glory is as essential to God, as light is to the sun. He is called the 'God of Glory'...It is so natural to God that God cannot be God without it. The creature's honor is not essential to his being. A king is a mere man when his crown and royal robes are removed. God's glory, however, is such an essential part of his being, that he cannot be God without it. God's very being lies in His glory.”

—Thomas Watson

2 – God desires that His glory be revealed and enjoyed by His creatures.

*God's glory is the beauty, power, wisdom and splendor of His character **revealed** in a variety of ways, but **displayed** in its highest and fullest measure through the gospel of His Son.*

Question - “What is the chief end (or...Main Purpose) of man?”

Answer - “The chief end of Man is to glorify God and **enjoy Him** forever.”

3 – We bring glory to God through our worship and reflecting His Glory to others.

Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may **see your good works** and **give glory to your Father** who is in heaven.”

4 – God’s Glory is revealed in its highest and fullest measure through the gospel of His Son.

*“The Lord has put us in trust with the gospel. He has filled us with a treasure with which we are to enrich the world...He has bestowed upon us **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ, and **it is ours to reflect the light**, to impart the knowledge, to manifest the glory, to point to the Savior’s face, and to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Having such a work before us, we do not faint, but press onward with our whole heart.”*

—Charles Spurgeon