

Assurance of Salvation Part 83

Glorifying God:

HOW to glorify God (8)

There is beauty
when God's grace
reflects through
us as a group.

Each one should use whatever gift
he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's
grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

"WE MUST GLORIFY GOD."

(It's a moral obligation.)

God's people delight in doing so.



Today, PART 8 of:

HOW to glorify God!



ISSUES
TO
COVER

- The REMINDER
- The last 2 "HOW's"
on our list.

The REMINDER!

"Glorifying God"
involves VALUES / CHOICES.

- **IF** your values/choices do not agree with Scripture,
THEN you are not glorifying God.
(This means you are not following Jesus.)
- **IF** this characterizes the way you live,
THEN you are not saved.



THE "HOW" LIST

Starting today with #16.
(We've already looked at the first 15.)



"How do we glorify God?"

16) WE GLORIFY GOD when we give God
the credit for the good we do.



It's just a matter of being honest.



- We were born with a sinful nature, not a
righteous one.
 - This means that we, by nature, are sinful.

The human heart is most deceitful and
desperately wicked. Who really knows
how bad it is? [God does – verse 10.]

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

- Until Jesus gives us a new nature, all our goodness is:
 - tainted with sin,
 - superficial or pretentious,
 - influenced by wrong motives.

I know that **nothing good** lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

Romans 7:18a (NIV)

- It is impossible for us to do good that is morally pure, without God.

- YES! Even atheists can do superficial good.



Of course I can do good without God!

When I define what "good" is!

- But when we do good out of a pure heart, it is because of God working in us!

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephes. 2:10 (NIV)

If we are honest...

- We will give ourselves credit when we **sin**.
 - Because it's a reflection of our old sinful nature.
- We will give God credit when we do something that is truly **good**.
 - Because it's a reflection of our new nature in Christ.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephes. 4:22-24 (NIV)

YES, we can admit that we are doing truly good things...

– But at the end of the day, who will we give credit to?

For I have worked harder than all the other apostles, yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

1 Cor. 15:10b (NLT)

★ This verse shows us ... ★



... that sovereignty and responsibility work together (as they always do).

• The RESPONSIBILITY part:

For I [Paul] **have worked harder** than all the other apostles, ...

1 Cor. 15:10b (NLT)

• The SOVEREIGNTY part:

... yet it was not I but **God** who **was working through me** by his grace.

1 Cor. 15:10c (NLT)

YES, we can admit that we are resisting temptation...

– But at the end of the day, who will we give credit to?

- GOD gave us the ability to resist temptation!
 - When we are overcome by sin, it's because WE didn't take the opportunity GOD gave us to resist.

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Cor. 10:13b (NIV)

In eternity, when we are rewarded for our goodness, we will cast our crowns before God.



- NOT as a mere formality,
- RATHER because we will be admitting the truth that we don't deserve them!

THE 24 ELDERS, REPRESENTING ALL OF US:

They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power..."

Rev. 4:10b-11a (NIV)

17) WE GLORIFY GOD when we live a holy life.

HOLINESS:

Being "SET APART"

... From all that is sinful.

... To all that is righteous.

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE:

"Becoming Christ-like in how we live."

OR "Following Jesus." (= same thing said 2 ways)

- When God saves us, he calls us for a purpose.

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

1 Thes. 4:7 (NIV)

- The context of this specific verse focuses on sexual immorality (of any kind), which is totally incompatible with holiness.

Therefore, he who rejects this instruction [about sexual immorality] does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1 Thes. 4:8 (NIV)



But throughout Scripture, we learn that the "holiness principle" applies to all of life.



But because the God who called you is holy you must be holy in every aspect of your life.

1 Peter 1:15 (GW)



Did you know you have a special calling?



YES, you DO have a special calling!

- God has made us to be a holy "nation" of people.
- He has called us out from all the nations of the world for a special purpose.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

God calls you OUT OF sin!

- In salvation, God calls you and sets you apart from the world. You now have a different purpose for life.

Well then, should we keep on sinning ... ?
Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)

God calls you INTO the kingdom of light!

- This "light" includes holiness and purity, which results in God-honoring, morally upright conduct.

... the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ...

Col. 1:12-13 (NIV)

Your responsibility is:

- To grow in your salvation.

Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation.

1 Peter 2:2 (GW)

- And to be a light in a dark world.

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (NASB)

**YOUR MISSION:
1) REALIZE!**

Holiness and genuine goodness are interconnected.

- You cannot have the one without the other.
- You must choose both or neither.

**YOUR MISSION:
2) CHOOSE!**

- **Will you be content with:**
Life as the world offers it, and the superficial pretentious goodness that even atheists and religious fakes can do?
> OR <
- **Will you pursue:**
Holiness, and the good that comes from God?

THE "GLORY" MANIFESTO

- As we look at the last two statements in this manifesto... we should probably ask:

"What is it's purpose?"

- It's NOT an "achievement" that we can boast about.
 - We are weak. Only in GOD do we have strength.
- It's a "target" or goal we can strive for.
 - As we grow in Christ, we will come closer to reaching the goal.

THE "GLORY" MANIFESTO

As a goal:

- We know what direction to pursue in life.
- We won't wander aimlessly, or make choices that lack a purpose.

SO HERE ARE THE LAST TWO PARTS OF THE MANIFESTO!



THE "GLORY" MANIFESTO

- **I will admit that God is the source of all that is truly good in my life.**
 - There is no other kind of *genuine* goodness.
- **I will pursue holiness as God's calling out of a morally corrupt world.**
 - The one who called me can be trusted.

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