

## Assurance of Salvation Part 73

Glorifying God:

WHY give him glory?

**"WE MUST GLORIFY GOD."**

(It's a moral obligation.)

God's people delight in doing so.



(Review)

What this "glory" is:



- NOT the glory of who he is.
- NOT the glory that he will give to us (when Jesus returns).



(Review)

What this "glory" is:



**The glory we give to him.**

- Appreciation / we value him
- Adoration / we worship him
- Affection / we love him
- Subjection / we obey him

ALL  
DIRECTED  
TOWARD  
GOD

**TODAY:**

**WHY glorify God?**

- We have MANY good reasons for doing so!



- But really, we only need ONE reason!

**The only reason we need:**

**"You are worthy."** O Lord our God,  
to receive glory and honor and power.  
Rev. 4:11a (NLT)

- We could stop here. This is enough to guide our response.
  - **Those following Jesus:** They are willing to glorify God.
  - **Those following the devil:** They don't do it (though some may claim they "want to").

Following Jesus  
vs.  
following the devil.

**Hopefully you do realize  
there are no other options.**

God, there are  
many things  
I must do this  
week.  
Help me to glorify  
you by the way I  
do them!

> YAWN! <  
"Church" is over.  
Time for me to do  
other things!

There are plenty of other reasons to glorify God!

Glorifying God =

To  
**VALUE**  
**WORSHIP**  
**LOVE**  
**OBEY**  
Him!

= He is our  
"#1"

- Here are some of them ...

## 1. EXISTENCE:

He gives us our being

- ✓ All creation.
- ✓ Us individually.

- He MADE us. We did not make ourselves.
- We are 100% dependent on God for our existence.

To  
**VALUE**  
**WORSHIP**  
**LOVE**  
**OBEY**  
Him!

- We just saw a verse about God being worthy to receive glory. Here's what comes next in the passage:

For you created everything,  
and it is for your pleasure that they  
exist and were created."

Rev. 4:11b (NLT)

- He not only made everything; he also keeps things from falling apart!

[Jesus] is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Col. 1:17 (NIV)

## We belong to him.

(In other words, he owns us.)

Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 100:3 (NLT)

For every living soul belongs to me, the father  
as well as the son--both alike belong to me.

Ezekiel 18:4a (NIV)



## 2. PURPOSE:

He made all things (including us)  
for his glory and purpose.

### "FOR A GOOD CAUSE!"

- He made us so that we could be a reflection of his moral character... and do so by choice!
- We, his creatures, have chosen to rebel against his purposes; but he created us for something so much better than what we have chosen!

Created by God and for God – Romans 11:36  
Created for his pleasure – Revelation 4:11

**What other alternatives could there be?**  
**NOTHING GOOD!**

- ALL that is good is a reflection of God's nature. So of course God would find it pleasing!
- If God were to make something for a different purpose, it would be the same as making it for an evil purpose!

**Whether or not we choose to love God,  
he will get glory from us.**

- We've learned in the past that God will accomplish his purposes, whether or not we choose to cooperate.
- But it would be *so much better* to cooperate, and to glorify him by choice and out of love!

The Lord works out everything for his own ends--  
even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Proverbs 16:4 (NIV)

**God will get glory through the righteous...**

- The final outcome of God's work of salvation in us:

"to the praise of his glory!"

From Eph. 1:12, 14; see also v. 6

**...and through the wicked. (AN EXAMPLE)**

I will harden the hearts\* of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them.

And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

Exodus 14:17 (NIV)

\* (They had already hardened their own hearts. God was letting them have things their way.)

### 3. APPROPRIATE RESPONSE:

There is no better (or greater) response to God's glory.

- When we consider how glorious God is by nature...



... there is *no better* response for us than to glorify him by choice!



#### • HIS GLORY:

The Lord is exalted over all the nations,  
his glory above the heavens.

Psalms 113:4 (NIV)

#### • OUR RESPONSE: (= same as those in heaven)

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ...

Rev. 19:1 (NIV)

### 4. JOIN THE REST OF CREATION:

All the rest of creation gives God glory. We should, too!

- We've seen other verses in previous weeks. But here's another:

And they [= heavenly beings in God's temple] were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 6:3 (NIV)

## 5. OUR ONLY HOPE: All our hopes are in him.

- Though we have rebelled against him, he is **our only hope** for rescue from self-destruction!
  - Remember that eternal death is the result of **OUR CHOICES**.



### • "Surrender" to the God of hope!

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose *hope is in the Lord his God*, ...

Psalm 146:5 (NIV)

### • The only other alternative:

But the eyes of the wicked will fail,  
and escape will elude them;  
*their hope* will become *a dying gasp*."

Job 11:20 (NIV)

There is only **ONE** savior and  
**ONE** source of hope.  
But there are **TWO** responses:

... we have put our hope in the living  
God, who is the Savior of all men,  
and especially of those who believe.

1 Tim. 4:10 (NIV)

- The SAVED:** "He is the *only* savior; and he offers himself to all. I **did** put my hope in him!"
- The UNSAVED:** "He is the *only* savior; and he offers himself to all. I **didn't** put my hope in him."

## YOUR MISSION: "Apply!"

**THIS WEEK:** You will have many  
opportunities to apply these  
things!

- Since God deserves to be glorified in ALL of life, try doing so.
- Depending on what you are doing, there may be a variety of ways to respond.



- We've seen the following verse many times. It's truth remains unchanged!**

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you  
do, you must **do all for the glory of God**.

1 Cor. 10:31 (NLT)

- Your successes or failures this week may help you learn about areas where you need to grow.

**NEXT WEEK:** We begin the "HOW" of glorifying God.

- FIRST: We plan to see "how" those who reject God glorify him (both now and in the future).
- THEN: We will look at "how" God's people can glorify him.

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