Assurance of Salvation Part 73

Glorifying God:

WHY give him glory?

"WE MUST GLORIFY GOD." (It's a *moral* obligation.)

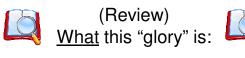
God's people delight in doing so.



(Review) What this "glory" is:



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

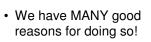


The glory we give *to him*.

- Appreciation / we value him
- Adoration / we worship him
- Affection / we *love* him
- Subjection / we <u>obey</u> him



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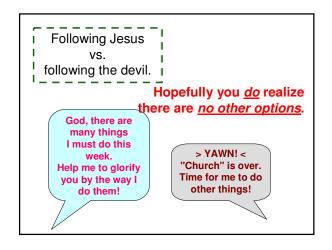
• But really, we only need ONE reason!

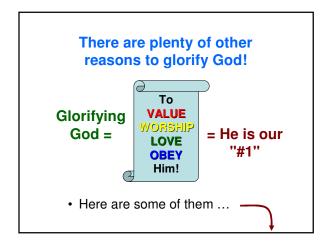
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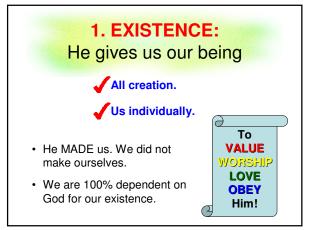
"You are worthy. O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power.

Rev. 4:11a (NLT)

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







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

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

Rev. 4:11b (NLT)

 He not only <u>made</u> everything; he also <u>keeps</u> <u>things from falling apart!</u>

[Jesus] is before all things, and <u>in him all</u> things hold together.

Col. 1:17 (NIV)

We belong to him.

(In other words, he owns us.)

Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

<u>He made us, and we are his.</u>

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:3 (NLT)

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

Exekiel 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... <u>and do so by</u> <u>choice!</u>
- We, his creatures, have chosen to rebel against his purposes; but he created us for something <u>so much better</u> 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 *alory* above the heavens.

Psalm 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 selfdestruction!
 - Remember that eternal death is the result of <u>OUR</u> 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)

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