

## ***Christ Glorified in You***    John 17:10

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Gospel of John chapter 17.

the *Lord's Own Prayer for His own* –

in the **second section** of the prayer.

In the first 5 verses of the prayer,

Jesus first **introduces** the **main goal** of this prayer ...

that **He** and **the Father** would be **glorified** ...

and that this **glory** be **manifested** in **His having *finished the work***  
*given Him, by the Father ...*

and having done so,

now He asks for a return of the ***same glory***

*He had in the bosom of the Father, before the world was.*

Then beginning in verse 6, he **turns** to

**identifying** *those for whom He prays:*

Here Jesus “*reminds*” the Father *for whom* it is **He prays** ...

***they were His;***

they were *given to Christ* ...

they ***received*** and ***kept*** His word ...

they have ***believed*** –

***knowing surely*** that the Son had come from the Father.

It is **for His own disciples** that He prays – He **does not pray for the world.**

This is His **high priestly prayer** ...

as the *high priest of Israel* **entered the holy place**

**wearing** on his **breastplate,** **the names of the tribes of Israel**

– *for whom* he would **offer a sacrifice of atonement,**

so Jesus enters the throne room,  
with the **names of His Given ones** upon His heart ...  
the very ones for whom He is about to make atonement.

Christ's **high priestly prayer** is *particular*, not *universal*.

We saw this clearly *two weeks ago* in Isaiah 53.

In Rom 8:34, Christ is said to be:

*at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*

Hebr 7:25, describes Christ as

*Ever living to make intercession for them*

*For whom?*

*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

The intercessory work of Christ is *on behalf* of **those who come to God**,  
by Christ.

Not *all* are **given** ...

And Jesus does **not pray** that the **saving merits** of the **finished work**  
be **applied** to *all*,  
but *only* to the Given ones.

**Having identified His own** for whom He prays,

Jesus then gives **another reason** that he prays for us –  
because of what we are meant to do.

verse 10:

*And all mine are thine, and thine are mine;  
and I am glorified in them.*

These words of His prayer *remind* **the Father** and **us**  
of the **main function**  
and **business** of a *disciple of Jesus Christ*.

That is to **glorify God!**

PRAY.

***And all mine are thine, and thine are mine;  
and I am glorified in them.***

Let us first consider the first half of the text:

***all mine are thine, and thine are mine***

Here is the **basis** of Jesus' request,  
again, it is that they **belonged first to the Father**.

***Thine they were ... I am making a request for them ... they are thine ...***

Now it is one thing to say, ***all mine are thine***.

But He goes beyond this and says:

***“and Thine are mine”***

Luther said of this verse:

*“Everyone may say ‘all we have is God’s;’ but this is much  
greater, he turns it around and says, **all that is thine are mine**.  
This no creature is able to say before God.”*

No created thing can say, ***“and Thine are mine.”***

Even of the attributes of man, all of **man's attributes**  
**he gets from God**,  
but not all of **God's attributes** are **available to man**.

That Jesus could say, ***“and Thine are mine”***  
points to a **very special relationship**.

Of course, Christ is the **very one** who was **face to face**  
with the Father from all eternity.

In this text, we also clearly here the **distinction** *between the two ...*  
The **Father** and the **Son** are **two persons** – it is **clear** –

There are *cult groups* that **deny this ...**

**Be aware ... very dangerous**

*Oneness Pentecostals*

*Modalism* (three modes or forms)

T.D. Jakes

Don't *run* with these people – don't *play* with them

This is an 1800 year old heresy.

It is a **denial** of the **nature of God ...**

and *those who teach such* are false teachers.

**Separate** yourself from such **heresy!**

That the **Father** and the **Son** are **two persons** is **clear** –

However,

*we also must understand* that they **exist** in a

**union** exceeding human comprehension.

We know that *all that belongs to the Son, belongs to the **Father,***  
and *all that belongs to the Father, belongs to the **Son.***

After this, Jesus returns to the main thought of this prayer – that of **glory.**

*And all mine are thine, and thine are mine;  
and I am glorified in them.*

Jesus returns to the thought of **glory** – the **perfect tense**  
displays the **confidence** that Christ has that  
He WILL be glorified by *His church!*

***“I am glorified in them”***

**No question about it ...**

Jesus **KNOWS** that He **will be glorified** in and by a people.  
And as we have said, the way in which *Christ is glorified*  
is *primarily* in the **salvation of the elect**.

This is the **central message** of the **entire Bible**.

This is **the Gospel**.

The **central message of the Bible** is **not** that *God loves the world* ...  
But that **God saves men out of the world!**

It is **was** and **always will be**  
*the elect from every nation* that are **called upon to glorify God**.

It is **the CHURCH**, **not the world**, that is **Christ's joy** and **crown** –

The **graces** which **adorn us** – the **fruit we bear** –  
derives from **salvation**  
Not from a *general love* or *common grace*

Is 43:7

*Even every one that is **CALLED BY MY NAME**: for I have  
created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have  
made him.*

There are **many views** and *interpretations* **about God**—  
*who He is, what He is about*, etc.

There are **many** who **speak for God**  
*without any consideration* of what **God says about Himself**.

There are those who contend that **God's ultimate concern**  
is the **good** of human beings.

**Is this the God of Scripture?**

**What does God say about Himself?**

**What does He claim that He is consumed with?**

I believe with *all of my heart* that one of the most **central passages** of Scripture in relation to the question of **what God is all about** is found in Isaiah 48:11...

Is 48:11-12

*For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.*

We see this **throughout Scripture** ...

<i>God is the supreme end of all of creation and His utmost concern is the spread of <b>His own glory</b>.</i>
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In other words, **God is all about God**.

His **glory** is His **top priority**.

Even His **provision** and **care** for His children is done so to point toward the **reality of who He is**.

We see this **theme** as a **common thread** throughout Scripture – as **all that God does**, He does to **exalt Himself** – to **glorify His own name**.

We see this as **God's purpose** early on in Scripture

In Lev 10:3

*Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.*

In the Psalms, God **commands** that His people **glorify His name**

Psa 29:1-2

*Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name.*

In the end of the Bible, God appoints angels to command that **glory** be given.

Re 14:6-7

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, ... saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

Isaiah 60 speaks of eternity in vss. 20-21

*"Your sun will set no more,  
Neither will your moon wane;  
For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,  
And the days of your mourning will be finished.  
Then all your people will be righteous;  
They will possess the land forever,  
The branch of My planting,  
The work of My hands,*

And what is the reason He did all this?

*That I may be glorified .*

Ez 28, tells us of **God's judgment** in vs. 22

*Thus says the Lord GOD,  
"Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,  
And I shall be glorified in your midst.  
Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I execute  
judgments in her,  
And I shall manifest My holiness in her.*

Hag 1:8 tells us why the temple would be rebuilt.

*Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple,  
that I may be pleased with it and be glorified ," says the  
LORD.*

Jesus tells us why God answers prayer in John 14:13

*And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

Jesus has compassion on people, He feeds them, He heals them,  
but *is it solely for their benefit?*

Mtt 9:6-8

*"But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — then He said to the paralytic — "Rise, take up your bed, and go home." And he rose, and went home. But when the multitudes saw this, they were filled with awe, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.*

Of Lazarus' death and resurrection Jesus says in John 11:4-5

*"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."*

God gives gifts to men ...

*Does he do so for their benefit alone?*

1 Pet 4:11 addresses the matter ...

*Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever.*

We are told to do good works, so that God will be glorified!  
We are told that as we bear fruit, God is glorified!



## What is *glory*?

*ka-bode* ... and it means **weighty, heavy, important**

It can simply be **defined** as the **weight** of His **fame** and **renown**.

The Greek equivalent to *ka-bode* is *doxa* ...  
the root of the word for **praise**.

God is so **consumed** with *this matter* that He  
**has created angelic beings** who **spend their entire existence**  
**proclaiming His worth**. (Is. 6, Rev)

He *also* commands **us** to **love Him, fear Him, worship Him**  
for He is ***a jealous God*** (Deut. 6:1-15).

You say,

*wait a minute, I'm not sure I am comfortable with this view of God.  
After all, He is a God of love and this view of God paints the picture  
of an egotistical God totally consumed with Himself  
rather than the needs of His creation.*

I'd say **many in the church today would voice such a objection**.

**BE CAREFUL!**

We have to be **sure** that the *God we serve*,  
is the **One described** in Scripture,  
and **not one** that *people in the church* have **made up**.

If your *thinking* that way ... you are thinking as the **world**.

In fact, the *ka-bode* is the very point of **hostility**  
between the **church** and *the world*.

The **church** desires to **glorify God**  
The **world** seeks to **glorify man**

This is why the **world hates the church**.

As we **glorify God** ...

what you are doing is pressing  
an ever increasing uncomfortable weight  
upon the world.

**They hate it** ... they get *spiritual claustrophobia* by it ...

That's why a church that truly glorifies Christ  
will **never** *be* and **MUST** never be  
**comfortable to the unsaved.**

But because the modern church has lightened it up,

not only are the unsaved made comfortable,

but the Christian has become familiar  
with the **weight** of the **glory of God.**

And so *even Christians* **have become uncomfortable**  
in a place where God is truly glorified.

Many people who would consider themselves a Christian,  
they would go to an evangelical church every Sunday,

would be **very uncomfortable** sitting under teaching  
that proclaims the full weight of the glory of God.

Like the world, they too will **feel claustrophobic**

They won't be able to run away from it too soon

As **glory presses in** on *self*, it **squeezes us** ...  
as *sinful creatures* before a **holy God**,  
we become **uncomfortable** ...

As God's glory presses in on us  
and it should be so!

The enemies of God, must be crushed  
by the weight of God's glory,  
if a church is doing what it is supposed to do.

The world mocks at such glory ...

What is mockery ...

Mockery is making light of something ...  
So when the world experience any heaviness –  
the world can't deal, so they try to make light of it.

If mockery is making light of something,  
then we have to ask ourselves whether  
many of our so-called evangelical churches

As they **dumb-down** the message  
**Ignore doctrine**  
**Make light** of the **severity of sin**  
Use the **pulpit** for **comic routines**  
And use **gimmicks**

are they not in fact mocking God!

**Encountering God** is intimidating ... it is **WEIGHTY**  
And the Bible does not try to hide that fact.

In spite of God's love and mercy,  
the **Bible makes no effort** to **conceal**  
that **God is an awesome** and **threatening being**  
who is **occupied** with His own glory.

It *has* to be this way ...

**If God is God**, He must exalt Himself, *because* if  
He exalts *anything* or *anyone else*,  
He would be an idolater.

If God did not set His affections upon Himself,  
if He did not **love Himself** as the **highest entity**,  
then something else would be God.

If God, made **man** His **primary concern**,  
He would be giving **greater importance**  
to **someone** who is **not most important**.

This then, would set the example to man,  
that it is **right** to **set your attention** and **affection**  
upon something **other than God**.

The modern church has **repainted** a god as one who—  
**emphasizes human need** over **His glory**.

That's why *today's church* is so **light** and **fluffy** ...  
That's why **men** can stand in pulpits and **tell jokes**  
That's why **churches** are built with "seekers" in mind —  
to meet the needs or better  
cater to the whims of **man**.

There is **no weight!**  
There's **no glory!**  
*Because **God** is **not** at its center.*

We are here ... to **worship God**.  
The church of Jesus Christ exists to **worship God!**

And as God's **highest affections** are upon Himself,  
so our **highest, greatest, affections** must be upon Him.

If God is **consumed** with **Himself**, so we must be **consumed** with **God**.

The **weight** of this, will **impact** *every moment of our lives*.

If we get this **understanding** ... *in our souls*...

**Worship** will become more than a 90 minute event once a week.  
*Moment by moment, with every breath we take,*  
we will be **worshipping God**.  
As we **rise in the morning** and **begin our day**,  
As we **pray**

As we **fulfill our tasks** ordained by God,  
As we **spend time** with friends, family and enemies,  
As we **enjoy the blessings of God**,  
As we **encounter temporal trials** in light of future glory,  
As we **take our rest** at night,  
And as we **take our final breath** and enter eternal bliss

We will, **love** and **worship** and **glorify God**.

We must understand that we can only do this,  
because we follow His example.

We can only love, because He first demonstrates love.

John in his first epistle reminds us that "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

John does not say "God is loving."

John does not use the participle.

The Holy Spirit wants us to know that **God** is **equivalent** to **love**.

And also since **God is love**, and *God is eternal*,

**THEN love is eternal.**

So before there was anything, there was **love** ...

because there was **God**!

Now, **Love** *requires* a **subject** and an **object**.

So,

only **GOD** could be both the **subject** and **object**  
of **His own love**.

God is **both**, the **Author of love** and the **Recipient of His own affections**.

**This is the ONLY way it could be *in the beginning*.**

Understand something, though ...

**God's love for Himself is never sinful,**

**it is *always* perfectly holy and righteous.**

Then, it is to **His glory** that **He sets that love upon man**.

He did not have to – He is under **no obligation to love**  
that which is **completely unlovable** – but **He does**.  
**He loves His enemies.**  
And He does so *to the praise of His glorious grace.*

Look at Romans 5:8

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

There is an important word there ... **His OWN love**

*heautou* (heh-ow-too') This is a **reflexive pronoun**.

It means **his**, in the sense of **belonging to Him** –  
but *even that doesn't capture it fully* ...  
more than that it means **directed at Himself**.

The **reflexive pronoun** in Romans 5:8 it literally means:

*"God demonstrates His own love for Himself toward us..."*

God loves **Himself** and expresses that love toward us.

God sets that which He first has for Himself, upon His creation.

God **loves** and **glorifies Himself** above all else!

Any *theology* that states the **final goal of God** is to **save people**,  
is not a Biblical, God-centered theology.

God's **final purpose** is **His own glory**.

AND ... as a result of **THAT**

Salvation, and the Covenant of Redemption  
serves to achieve **THAT final purpose of God**.

Revelation 1:4-6 teaches us that **God has saved for His glory**.

Ephesians 1, teaches us that **Father** (vv. 3-6), **Son** (vv. 7-12)  
and **Holy Spirit** (vv. 13-14) are all **actively involved**

in the redemption of God's children unto the  
**"praise of His glorious grace"**  
(a concept repeated 3 times in vv. 6, 12, 14).

Hebrews 13: 20-21 tells us that:

*Through the **blood of the eternal covenant**, God works  
redemption unto completion in every good work to do His will  
in His children ... unto His own glory!*

And that is *exactly* what Jesus prays would happen in John 17.

***I am glorified in them.***

*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**What is the chief end of man?**

*Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.*

John 17:20-22

***Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall  
believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as  
thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be  
one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.***

***And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them***

Couldn't be any clearer ...

Christ has given YOU His glory.

Of all that Christ did, the **greatest accomplishment**  
in all of His work, was that He **glorified** the Father –

that is He **made the Father known** –  
He laid the **weight** His name upon His people.

**He made His name glorious.**

Now, here Jesus says that, **His people** **would do the same.**

**Christ is glorified in YOU!**

Can you **bear the weight** of that?

Of all of the statements that Jesus ever made of you, remember this one –

***I am glorified in them.***

**Amazing!**

The **One** who is **glorified** by the *Father's* very voice from heaven

The One who is **glorified** by the *Holy Spirit*

Is **glorified** *by* and *through* us?!?

**Yes even YOU!**

To you is given the **privilege** and **responsibility**  
of being the **representatives of the Son of God** *in this world*.

We **stand** for Him,

people judge Him, *as they look at us ...*

and **they should**, *because*

we have been **given** the **weight** of His glorious name.

**Did you realize this?**

Do you **comprehend** the **weight** of this?

I believe that there is **no concept** with more potential  
to **raise us** to the **height of our calling**  
than **understanding this reality**.

The main problem with most Christians, is that we **fail to realize**  
*who we are in Christ!*

We **fail** to **know** our **position** and **privileges**.

Many Christians are not being **sanctified in the truth**  
*because we are **not setting these truths** before our eyes.*

Nothing can more help us **realize** the **height** of our **calling in Christ**.



This is what the *New Testament* does...

It is **constantly reminding** us of our **identity**  
**Constantly setting before us who Christ is,**  
and **who we are in Him ...**

This is the NT **method of sanctification** –

to **hold these truths before us constantly ...**

INDICATIVES ...

And when the church is **not being sanctified,**

its not because we **don't** have enough laws were keeping,

but were not living sanctified lives  
because pulpits are **not proclaiming** and  
**constantly preaching the gospel of Christ ...**  
*that is, who we are in Him*

Why is it that Christians often lack zeal, confidence, and joy?

We see the world **boasting** about all sorts of temporal things in life.

Yet the *Christian* so often seems to **lack all energy and enthusiasm**  
for **being what we are and doing what we are called to do –**  
namely **glorify God!**

*Could it be* that this is *because* we **do not realize** the **magnitude**  
of the verse before us here:

***Christ is glorified in you!***

*Could it be* that many in the church have **never realized**  
the *truth* about their **privilege and exalted position.**

How often do you **stop** *during your day* ...

or when *faced with a decision or a temptation before you* ...

how often do you **stop** and say to yourself:

*“Christ is glorified in me ... it is my business to glorify Him.”*

*“I can't afford this sin ... I can't afford to be slack in this responsibility ...*

*I can't afford to give time and energy to that which is of no ultimate value."*

If we **believed this truth** at significant moments in our lives ...  
it would **immediately correct** our **bad choices** and **frequent falls**  
into **sin**, **despair** and **depression**.

Let me take what time I have left to **consider**, by way of application,  
a few ways in which we **glorify God** in our *day to day* lives.

*It is difficult to fathom* how such **dreadful creatures** as we,  
can **add one ray** of **glory** to **His name**.

*How is it possible for any human being to glorify Christ?*

But the answer to this question is **given throughout the Scripture**,  
let us consider a few:

*First and foremost, God is glorified* in the **salvation of men** –  
in *all* of its components.

1 Chr 16:35

*"Save us, O God of our salvation ,  
And gather us and deliver us from the nations,  
To give thanks to Thy holy name,  
And glory in Thy praise."*

Psa 21:5

*His glory is great through Thy salvation ,*

Psa 79:9

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name;*

In 2 Tim 2:10, Paul says that he ...

*endures all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that  
they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus  
and with it eternal glory*

And **for eternity**, the *angels and the saints*  
will sing in one resounding chorus:

Rev 19:1

*"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;*

God is **glorified** in salvation ...

and all of its components ...

God is glorified in **regeneration**, in **grace**, in **faith**,  
in the **imputation of His righteousness**, in **sanctification**,  
in our **good works** and **bearing fruit**,  
in our **witness**, in our **obedience**.

Let's first take a *quick glance* at **God's glory**  
in the **components of salvation**:

Turn to Galatians 1:21

- 1) **Regeneration** – to behold a *sinner* – an *enemy of God* –  
one who has *rebelled against God* his whole life,  
to see him *lay down his weapons* and *come to Christ* ...  
to see a **blasphemer**, a **persecutor**, a **hater of God**  
now *seated at His feet*.

Is to His **glory**!

Many of you here **hated God** – you **cursed Him** –  
you **drank** and **consumed drugs** – you were **mockers** –  
**adulterous** – **fornicators** – **covetous** ....

But today you sit here *in church* to **hear about** and  
**love the Lord** you **once hated** –

Some of you were the *most stubborn of people*, but **today**  
you have **had wills conquered** –

**God is glorified** as the *hard hearted* are **subdued**,  
the *proud* are **humbled**,  
*hatred* is **turned to love**,  
when the *long roving* and *restless soul* **finally finds rest**.

Hear the testimony of the self-proclaimed – *chief of sinners*:

Gal 1:21-24

*Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy." And they were glorifying God because of me.*

Christ is glorified in **Regeneration**,  
not because man turns over a new leaf –  
not because he chooses to reform his life,  
but because **salvation is all of grace**.

## 2) **Grace** –

we look at people and say, what glory Christ would receive if only this person were saved! This movie star – this sports icon – this great scientific mind ...

If you believe this, you **fail** to understand **grace**.  
Grace is **UNMERITED favor** ... and the **LESS merit** one has,  
the **more grace** is **magnified** and **God glorified!**

As Christians, as we **realize** and come to understand **grace**,  
as we *admit* our own **insufficiency** and **inability**,  
as we *recognize* our **utter depravity** prior to salvation  
and **total inability** ...  
and that **God chose to save us**,  
*rather than the other way around*,  
this **magnifies** the ***glory of His grace***.

The **Christian** who brings **glory** to Christ  
is one who unashamedly can admit,  
*“Apart from Christ, I am nothing;  
I am what I am entirely by the grace of God.”*

3) **Faith** - We glorify Christ by **believing** that **Jesus is the way to God.**

Jesus Christ is **glorified** in the **saving of souls**  
through **believing** in Him.

**Faith glorifies Christ** because  
it excludes man’s effort, works and moral attempts  
to get **right with God.**

**Faith** excludes works – and so faith magnifies God’s work  
in salvation.

***This is the work of God – that you might believe***

If we are *saved through faith*, then it is **not of our own good works** –  
so then, it must be by **God’s work** ...

Next, if **God** is **glorified** through saving **faith**,  
then he is also **glorified** in the **results of faith** – namely **justification.**

**We are justified by faith.**  
*The just shall live by faith.*

4) **Justification and imputed righteousness – glorify God!**

God’s **justification** of the **believing sinner** based upon  
the **righteousness of Christ** – is to **His glory**  
*because it points to Christ’ perfect life.*

The fact that man, as **sinful a creature** *as he is*,

can stand before a **holy** and **righteous** God –  
is a *testimony* and *praise* to the **perfect righteousness** of Christ  
with which we are *clothed*.

So God is **glorified** in **salvation** and *all of its components* –  
**grace, regeneration, faith, repentance, justification** ...

Its no wonder the *devil* is **working overtime** to **convince Christians**  
that **they are not saved** ...  
and also **convincing the church** that it does not need  
to **speak about** such *glorious doctrines* as **regeneration,**  
**imputation, justification** ...

(If a *church* is *not speaking* of these **doctrines**,  
it is *because* their **pastor believes a lie** of the enemy)

If the *devil* can get the church to **ignore these things**,  
he is **robbing Christ** of the *glory* due His name!

Let us *finally* look at How Christians can we **glorify God**?

Our *ears should perk up* at this point,  
*because* this should be our **chief goal**.

*I have this grand commission ... how am going to carry it out?*

I will *quickly mention* a number of ways that we can **glorify Christ**  
**with our lives** ...

These are the *imperatives* that *follow the indicatives*.

You've *heard about* **who you are in Christ**,  
now **how do we act** *as a result*?

1) First **God** is **glorified** in our offerings of **thanksgiving** and **praise**:

Psa 50:23

*Whoso offers praise **glorifies me**:*

In Luke 17, after Jesus healed 10 lepers, and only one came back  
to **offer thanksgiving**  
in vss.17-18 Jesus equates **giving thanks** to **glorifying God**

*And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to **give glory to God**, save this stranger.*

An attitude of thanksgiving recognizes that **everything** we have in life is a **gift** ...

*the world* lives as if they are **owed something** ...

*the world* **waits for its wages** –

that which they believe they earned,

but *Christians* realize **everything** is a **gift of God**

and so he lives in an **attitude of giving thanks** *for all things*.

So we can glorify God, by **receiving everything** as a **gift** from Him

2) Next, **God** is **glorified** in our **sanctification**  
(growth in holiness and conformity to the image of Christ.)

A) The Christian, unlike the world, **does not abide in sin**.

He has an **increasing awareness** and **hatred** of **sin**,

The world **loves** and **embraces** *its sin*.

The more sensitive we become **to sin**,

the more we **glorify Christ**.

Unfortunately many,  
seem to have the **opposite experience**.

When one is **first saved**, we have a *keen awareness* of **our sin**.

We **repent of much**,  
but *often* the **sin** that **remains unrepented of**,  
*festers* and **becomes an acceptable part**  
of *our Christian walk*.

**Living such a defeated life does not glorify Christ.**

If we are **mastered** and **defeated** by **sin** – and **constantly overrun**  
by **temptation**,

it suggests that Jesus' words are not true ...

When He said, *take heart, I have overcome the world*.

It suggests that *He whom the Son sets free is NOT free indeed*,

Are these things **true or not**?

**Is it true or not** that *if any man be in Christ,*  
*he is a new creation, the old is past away, the new is come?*

**Is it true or not** that the *one who is born-again no longer makes*  
*a practice of sin?*

I'm not saying we are sinless, but we **no longer** "*abide in sin.*"

As we come to believe the Word ... and **learn to resist the devil** ...  
we will begin to **glorify Christ** –  
as we will find His words to be true indeed!

B) On the other side of this, God is glorified in  
**cheerful obedience** to **His commands**.

**Obedience** does not **merit God's grace**,  
but **God's grace commands obedience**.

The children of God have been saved by grace through faith  
unto good works (Ephesians 2:8-10).



Through **obedience**, the **child of God** can come to  
**know securely**  
of a **God** who **saved them** to the **uttermost**.

Christ made **obedience** the *test of our love for Him*:

***If you love me, you will keep my commandments***

And part of the Great Commission

*... **Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you***

It is our **imperative duty** to *search the Scriptures*  
that we might **know** God's will,  
and once we know it, the we would cheerfully obey.

This brings the **highest glory** to **Jesus Christ** ...  
as we **die to ourselves** and the **desires of the flesh** ...

When we will **not steal**, though we *could get away with it* (CABLE)

When we will **not cheat the government**, *though everyone is doing it*

When we will **not lie**, even *though no one can verify the truth*

When we will **not get angry** at someone and  
*murder them in our heart.*

When we do not *repay evil for evil*

When you are *salt to the earth* and a *light of the world*.

**IT GLORIFIES GOD!**

1 Pet 2:12 reminds us that you are to have:

***your lifestyle honest among the unbelieving world: that,  
whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your  
good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of  
visitation.***

C) Another view at this same matter of sin and obedience  
is to *remember* that **God is glorified**  
as we **KNOW** that **our sins are forgiven**.

Surely **God is glorified** as a man *who is born in sin,*  
*conceived in iniquity,*  
perhaps one who has *committed terrible sins,*  
can nevertheless say:

*“I rejoice now in the knowledge that ALL my sins are forgiven”*

This **glorifies God**, because **only God** can remit sins.

We **can't** get rid of sin *ourselves*,  
we **can't** generate a peace that *comes with forgiveness*,  
we **cannot** quiet our own conscience ...  
**only God can**,  
and it is to **His glory** that **He does!**

And the **peace and quiet** of the forgiven soul, **glorifies God!**

3) John 14:13 where Jesus tells us why God answers prayer:

***And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the  
Father may be glorified in the Son.***

**God** is **glorified** in our **reliance** upon Him in prayer.

A) Linked to this, **God** is **glorified** when we can say, as Paul,

***“The life I live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God.”***

Your **trusting** in His **faithfulness**, **glorifies Him!**

The *world* will **never understand**  
how one can **rely upon** *that* which he **cannot see**.

But *to us* **faith is a substance** ... it is **something** we can **hold on to**.

**Faith** is our **anchor**.

To the world, faith seems as a *pipe-dream* ...

but **not to the Christian**.

To us, **Christ** is *as real* as our **hands in front of our faces**.

Let yours be a *life of faith* in the **most minute of detail**.

Never *presume* to live one moment of your life on your own

Never *presume* to leave a microsecond to chance or coincidence.

**Your very steps are ordered by the Lord!**

Go to Christ, believe Christ,

*whether* you steps be **easy** or **rough**,  
whether you **abound** or are **abased**,  
whether you **see the light** for your *next step* or **not**.

Each day come to Jesus empty and come from Him filled.

My friends, *if the just shall live by faith*,  
then may it never be that we should **live by our own understanding**.

**Stop taking matters into your own hands.**

**Stop applying human wisdom and carnal understanding**  
to your **decisions**.

If God brings you to a Red Sea,

do not *imagine* you will have to **take it upon yourself to**

**learn how to swim,**

rather know that **He will part it for you,**

and **make a safe passage** so that *your foot will not slip*.

Stop thinking you have to protect yourself,  
protect your family, protect your interests,  
protect your future ...  
and TRUST GOD – *He is your defense!*

Don't you think it was to God's glory that Moses,  
*a prince in Egypt*, forsook it all,  
preferring the reproach of Christ to the *riches of this world?*

Hebrews 11 tells us that ...

*By faith Moses, ... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.*

Speaking of Abraham, Rom 4:20-21 states:

*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

It is this kind of faith resulting in action that glorifies God

*My brothers and sisters, endure suffering, submit to being wronged,  
bear with the pressure  
rather than **distrust Christ** and  
take matters into your own hands.*

*How is Christ more glorified,  
by you looking out for your own interests,  
or the interest of others?*

How is **Christ** more *glorified* when you are **persecuted**?

By your **fighting back**?

Or by your **turning the other cheek**?

The apostles **rejoiced** when they were **persecuted**, *because*  
they were **considered worthy** to *suffer shame for His name*.

**He is glorified** in your **meek submission** to *reproach*,  
**returning blessing** for *cursing*,  
**love** for *hatred* ...

you say, *I just can't do it* ... GOOD ...

**Stop trying – and let Christ live through you!**  
**HE WILL DO IT!**

Don't let *opportunities pass* whereby you may  
**bring God the glory** due His name.

**What glory** was brought to God by **Daniel** in the lion's den;  
by **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego** in the fiery furnace!

What **glory** it is to God to *cheerfully accept* the  
**most adverse of circumstances**.

To **not flee** in the *midst* of **danger**

To **not compromise**, when *faced with the option*  
to **protect your interests**.

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What **faith** and **clarity of mind** – to respond  
*believing* that *indeed* God does  
*work all things together for the good of His own*.

I read this to you, *because* **the greater proves the lesser**,  
*if God had grace there,*  
**you can be sure of His grace your situation?**

I suspect that *whatever it is* that has got us so *down and out* ...

**Whatever it is** that is *discouraging you*

Whatever the **trial** you *find yourself in* ...

That it is not nearly as **serious** an **incident**  
as *what happened* to the **Romanosky family** ...

**GOD IS FAITHFUL** ...

Have you thought of asking God for the **grace** to **glorify Him**  
in your **circumstances**?

Instead of looking at how your comforts are being depleted,  
have you thought about the daily strength  
He has given you to **endure it**?

Are you looking at all the chaff that is **being scattered,**  
*the dross consumed,*  
the *changing and bending* of **your will** ...  
that this trial has **accomplished**?

If you are, you might say like David, *it is good to be afflicted.*  
You might find your *very affliction* a **gift**!

Can you resign to the fact that,  
if **glory** is **brought to the name of Christ**  
*by a process that involves your affliction,*  
that you will **welcome** the **affliction**  
and *pray that God is truly glorified*  
**in you through it**?

Can you rest knowing that **God** has only **decreed**  
that which is for **His glory** and the **good of His own**?

Many of the ways that I just went through in which we glorify Christ in one way or another fall under the category of our bearing fruit.

In John 15:8, Jesus said,

***Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.***

So Christ is glorified in our bearing of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control ...

As an apple tree bears apples, and a pear tree bear pears ...

So a Christian bears these things ...  
*not for the sake of man, but for the one who tends the vine ...*  
*the husband-man ... **God** ...*

Christ is glorified in our being what we are –  
that is *in our living the life.*

As we do, we are **living proof** and **examples**  
of what the Bible says about us.

Our lives should confound the world –  
they should look at us and say,  
*“I can’t explain him.*  
*What is it about this one that he behaves so different.”*

A Christian cannot be explained by the psychological means,  
and SO ... he **glorifies Christ.**

As **Christ** is the **only explanation** for what he or she is.

We are what we are because  
**God has made us such**

He has *delivered us from darkness into His marvelous light*;  
we are *different*; we are *changed*;  
*the old is passed away, all things have become new!*

This is an **enigma to the world**, *from which we were called out of.*

But we stand as *living proof* of the **fact** that the **Lord Jesus Christ**  
*HAS finished the work* which his Father sent him to do.

Finally, we manifest His glory by showing the world  
an **increasing delight** in spiritual things.

*Has the Bible become more interesting to you?*

*Do you enjoy the fellowship of the brethren more and more?*

What about prayer, the Lord's Table, worship –  
can you take it or leave it – or is it your **joy** ...

*Is the Lord's day the crown of your week?*

Can you say that we have an **increasing hunger and thirst**  
after **righteousness**?

That you **desire more and more** to **know Him, in the power of**  
**His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings?**

Our Christian life should be **characterized** by an **increasing love**  
for Jesus Christ ... *little as the increments may be.*

But the **more joyful** we are as Christians, the **more God is glorified**.

The **more peace and steadiness of life**

The **more** we can **bear with one another**

The **more gentle** we become toward one another,  
the **more Christ is glorified**



The more fruit we bear,  
the more we resemble Him,  
and the more we glorify Him ...

John Piper's well-known statement is true:  
*God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.*

If you find these things not true in your life,  
yet you **desire to glorify Christ**,  
take heart ...  
*because that desire is from Him* ...  
and none of **these fruits** are borne apart from Christ.

My brothers and sisters ... **it is true** ... **Christ is glorified in YOU!**

**You** have been created for His glory ... SO ...

How vigilant we must be ...

let us not *get lazy* ... lest we withhold any of the **glory due Him**.

May God give us the **grace** to live as God commanded in 1 Cor 10:31

*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.*

**Dare to live for the Glory of Jesus Christ!**

**Amen!**

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones:

*"I am one of the people in the world today through whom  
Christ is to be glorified. I am not here for myself, or for  
anything I want to do, the main thing for me today is that Christ  
should be glorified in me."*