

The glory of God is the great end (or goal or purpose) of our lives (1 Cor. 10:31). Even the unsaved is created for God's glory (Pro. 16:4; Rom. 11:36). Certainly, the saved or redeemed are saved for God's glory (Isa. 43:1, 7). God's glory is the purpose of life!

Key verse: John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

1 Chronicles 16:29 "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

1 Corinthians 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Peter 4:11 "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

How may we glorify God?

- A. Affections – (Deut. 6:5) – We glorify God when we seek Him and love Him above all else. We desire to fellowship with Him. Our love for God will sweeten and lighten our duties toward Him in obedience. Glorifying God is a matter of the heart.
- B. Adoration – (Ps. 29:2) – We glorify God when we worship and adore Him above all else and all things.
- C. Allegiance – (Ps. 84:11) – We glorify God when we walk uprightly before Him. This includes our submission and service towards Him. We surrender to the Lordship of Christ (Matt. 11:29).
- D. Appreciation – (Ps. 92:8; 97:9) – We glorify God when we appreciate and admire Him. We esteem Him more than anything else or anyone else.

God derives great glory from fruitful Christians. **Matt. 7:16-18** "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

We cannot glorify God in the power of the flesh. We must have a vital union with God if we are to glorify Him (**Jn. 14:20-21**): "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."