

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q1: What is the Chief end of Man?
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Q&A

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to **glorify** God, and to enjoy him forever.






What is God's glory?

- Intrinsic glory of God

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36 ESV)*

- Glory ascribed to God

*All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name. (Psalm 86:9 ESV)*





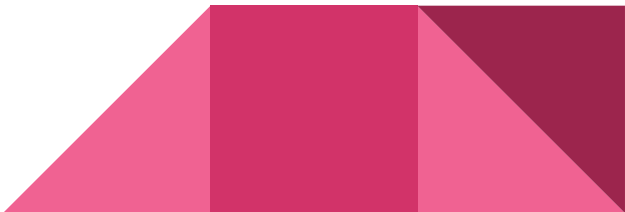
How do we glorify God?

- Appreciation

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:20 ESV)

- Adoration

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2 ESV)*






How do we glorify God?

- Affection

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
(Deuteronomy 6:5 ESV)

- Subjection

*“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”* (Revelation 4:11 ESV)






Why should we glorify God?

- He made us
- He made all things for his glory

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36 ESV)*

- His glory has value

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Romans 6:3b ESV)*






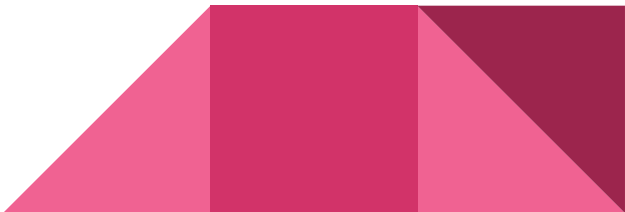
Why should we glorify God?

- All creation glorifies him

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. (Psalm 19:1 ESV)*


- Our hope is in Him

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV)







When do we glorify God?

- Our aim is his glory
 - Our confession of sin
 - Our believing God
 - Our concern for God's glory
 - Our fruitfulness
 - Our contentment
 - Our sanctification
 - Our living to God
 - Our attitude
 - Our faithfulness to truth
 - Our praise
 - Our zeal
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When do we glorify God?

- Our eating
 - Our labor and business
 - Our evangelism
 - Our suffering for the Gospel
 - Our giving God the glory
 - Our holy lives
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How do we enjoy God in this life?

- Word

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word. (Psalm 119:16 ESV)

- Sacraments

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,

you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26 ESV)





How do we enjoy God in this life?

- Prayer

*But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door
and pray to your Father who is in secret.*

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:6 ESV)





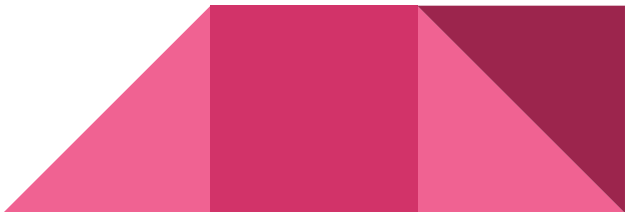
How do we enjoy God in the life to come?

- Heaven is the eternal enjoyment of God

*Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,
and God himself will be with them as their God. (Revelation 21:3b ESV)*

- Motivated now in our duty

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:30 ESV)





How do we enjoy God in the life to come?

- Comforted in our present miseries

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Romans 8:18 ESV)

