

Section: Doctrine of God

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**15. Why did God make us?**

God made us to glorify Him, so that His glory would be known and praised.

**The Creation of Man:**

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Isaiah 43:7 says,** "everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**Man’s Problem:**

**Daniel 4:30** and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”

**Isaiah 48:11 “**For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.”

**Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the glory)** emphasizes that all things were created, live, move and have their being to glorify God. He will be glorified in all of creation. God is glorified in His righteous judgment on man. All that is done will ultimately be for God's glory to the exclusion of man's self-glorification and pride. God’s glory is the central motivation for the saving grace He chooses to give His people. God is not a means to an end; He is the means and the end.

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

**Romans 9:22-23** What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory

-**Exodus 14:4, 18**, **Ezekiel 20:5-9**,**1 Samuel 12:19-23**, **2 Samuel 7:23**, **1 Kings 8:41-45**, **Malachi 2:2,** **John 4:34, 7:18, 17:4, John 12:27-28**, **1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 4:11,** **Matthew 5:16**, **Psalm 23:3**, **2 Thessalonians 1:9-10**, **Revelation 21:23**

**1 Corinthians 10:31** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**16. How should we glorify God?**

We glorify God by trusting in Jesus, enjoying Him, treasuring Him, growing in our knowledge of Him, believing His words, obeying His commands, and by showing and telling the world how great He is.

**1. We glorify God by trusting in Jesus:**

[**Psalms 106:6**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Psalms%20106.6)**,** [**8**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Psalms%20106.8)Both we and our fathers have sinned... Yet he saved them for his name’s sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

**Isaiah 43:25** “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

**Ezekiel 20:44** And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name’s sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.”

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**2. We glorify God by enjoying Him:**

**Psalm 37:4** "Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart"

**Psalm 42:1–2 "**As a deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God"

ENJOY GOD, GROW WITHIN COMMUNITY, and LOVE OTHERS

**TRUE authentic praise of anything is out of the mouth of one who has found great enjoyment in it.**

“GOD IS MOST GLORFIED IN ME WHEN I AM MOST SATISFIED IN HIM.” -J. Piper

**3. We glorify God by treasuring Him:**

Philippians 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the **surpassing worth** of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

**4. We glorify God by growing in our knowledge of Him:**

**Jeremiah 9:24** (NKJV) “But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and **knows Me**, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

**2 Peter 3:18**

**5. We glorify God by believing His words:**

**1 Thessalonians 2:11-13** For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and **glory.** 13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when **you received the word of God**, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

**6. We glorify God by obeying His commands:**

**John 8:31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “ If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

**Deuteronomy 11:1** You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

**John 14:15** If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

**7. We glorify God by showing & telling the world how great He is:**

**Psalm 96:1-3** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **3** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

***1 Peter 4:11***whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***Ephesians 3:21***