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Section: Doctrine of God

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q15. Why did God make us?**

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

**Q16. 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.

* **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.

**Revelation 4:11** “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.”

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

**1689 Confession of Faith**: In the beginning, it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, to create or make the world, and all things in it.

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

* **Man’s Problem**

**Daniel 4:30 ...** [Human king:] “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** [God:] “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, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory

**1689 Confession of Faith**: “The whole counsel of God concerning everything essential for his own glory and man’s salvation, faith, and life is either explicitly stated or by necessary inference contained in the Holy Scriptures.”

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**Further Study:** 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; 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

**1689 Confession of Faith: “**God works all things according to the counsel of his own unchangeable and completely righteous will for his own glory.”

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

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

**Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)** … without faith it is impossible to please Him ...

**Romans 14:23** … For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

**Psalms 106:6,** [**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** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

* **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 flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. …

**Three Pillars of the Disciples Church:** Enjoy God, Grow Within Community, and Love Others

**John Piper:** “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.”

* **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 …

* **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.

**1689 Confession of Faith:** “By this faith Christians believe to be true everything revealed in the Word, recognizing it as the authority of God himself. They also perceive that the Word is more excellent than every other writing and everything else in the world, because it displays the glory of God in his attributes, the excellence of Christ in his nature and offices, and the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit in his activities and operations. So they are enabled to entrust their souls to the truth believed.”

**2 Peter 3:18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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

**1 Thessalonians 2:11-13** For you know how, like a father with his children, 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. 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.

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

**James 1:22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**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.”

**Matthew 6:1** “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

* **We glorify God by showing and 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. 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** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.