

# **GLORIFYING GOD OUTLINE**

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# GLORIFYING GOD

## Selected Scriptures

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### ***INTRODUCTION:***

1. Our Church stands on the threshold of a new era of ministry.
  - Right now in this valley there are people walking in spiritual darkness, who will come to know Christ because this church exists and God ministers His grace through you.
  - There are people living in despair and without hope, who will be encouraged and uplifted because this church exists and God ministers His grace through you.
  - There are believers in bondage to various sins who will be set free because this church exists and God ministers His grace through you.
  - There are marriages in serious trouble, which will be strengthened and enriched because this church exists and God ministers His grace through you.
  - There are families in distress, which will be strengthened and encouraged because this church exists and God ministers His grace through you.
2. To do God's work in God's way, our purpose and direction must be clear. We must learn or reaffirm why we exist and what God wants us to accomplish.

3. Everything we do as Christians is to have a common goal.

Every ministry of this church must be aimed at one goal--one common denominator: Glorifying God!

In other words, Trinity Baptist Church exists to glorify God. So do you!

4. God's glory must be the thing that dominates everything we do--**CONSCIOUSLY**--not just philosophically.

It is the standard by which we must judge every motive and action.

5. The outline of our study:
  - The Prevalence of God's Glory
  - The Proclamation of God's Glory
  - The Picture of God's Glory
  - The Pursuit of God's Glory

6. Note the *Key Principles* as we progress through this study.

## I. **THE PREVALENCE OF GOD'S GLORY**

**Key Principle: Everything** God does is related to His Glory.

We'll be exploring many verses (yet only representative of many more) because I want you to be overwhelmed with the magnitude of this theme in Scripture.

### A. **AS SEEN IN HIS TITLES:**

1. God is the God of Glory - Acts 7:2
2. God is the King of Glory - Ps. 24:7-10
3. God is the Father of Glory - Eph. 1:17
4. God is The Majestic Glory - 2 Pet. 1:17
5. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Glory - 1 Pet. 4:14
6. Christ is the King of Glory - 1 Cor. 2:8

### B. **AS SEEN IN HIS APPEARANCES:**

#### 1. ***To Israel in the wilderness***

**Ex. 16:10** -- "It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud."

**Ex. 24:16-17** -- "The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the mountain top."

#### 2. ***In the Tabernacle***

**Ex. 40:34-35** -- "The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

#### 3. ***In the Temple***

**Isa. 6:1-4** -- "In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory."

Note Isaiah's response:

**Verse 5** -- "Then I said, 'Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.'"

**Key Principle:** Understanding God's glory brings conviction, praise, and worship.

#### 4. *In the Heavenly City*

**Rev. 21:22-23** -- "The city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it."

### C. *AS SEEN IN HIS PROVISIONS*

#### 1. *Temporal Provisions*

**Ps. 84:11** -- "The Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

#### 2. *Eternal Provisions (salvation)*

**Eph. 1:5-6** -- Predestination is to the praise of His glory

**Eph. 1:12** -- Redeemed people are to the praise of His glory

**2 Cor. 4:4** -- The gospel itself is a statement of the glory of Christ: "The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

**Rom. 15:7** -- Christ accepted you to the glory of God.

## II. *THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S GLORY*

**Key Principle:** Ultimately, everything brings glory to God (even His judgment against the unrighteous).

### A. *BY INANIMATE CREATION*

**Ps. 19:1** -- "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands."

## **B. BY ANIMALS**

**Isa. 43:20** -- “The beasts of the field will glorify Me; the jackals and the ostriches; because I have given waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. To give drink to My chosen people.”

## **C. BY UNRIGHTEOUS PEOPLE**

**Ex. 14:13-18** -- “God told Moses that God would be honored (glorified) and the Egyptians would know that He was God when their army was destroyed in the Red Sea.”

**Rev. 11:13** -- “In that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven (by recognizing that Jesus, not the Antichrist, is Lord.”

## **D. BY ALL PEOPLE (Ultimately)**

**Ps. 86:9** -- David said, “All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and they shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great and doest wondrous deeds; Thou alone art God.”

**Phil. 2:11** -- Paul spoke of the day when, every knee would bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Key Principle:** God will judge those who refuse to give Him glory.

**Jer. 13:16** -- “Listen and give heed, do not be haughty, for the Lord has spoken. Give glory to the Lord your God, before He brings darkness and before your feet stumble on the dusky mountains, and while you are hoping for light He makes it into deep darkness, and turns it into gloom.”

**2 Thess. 1:9** -- Damnation is defined as separation from God’s glory.

## **E. BY ANGELS**

**Isa. 6:3** -- “One [angel] called out to another and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.’”

**Luke 2:13-14** -- “Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.’”

## **F. BY ALL THE HEAVENLY HOSTS**

**Key Principle:** Glorifying God is the preoccupation of those in heaven.

**Rev. 4:9, 11** -- The living creatures (special angelic beings) give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever.

**Rev. 4:11** -- The twenty-four elders (representing the raptured church) proclaim, "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

**Rev. 5:11-12** -- "I [John] looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.'"

**Rev. 5:13** -- "Every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.'"

**Rev. 7:11-12** -- "All the angels were standing around the throne . . . saying, 'Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.'"

**Rev. 19:1** -- "I [John] heard, as it were, a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.'"

## **G. BY ALL BELIEVERS**

Future heavenly hosts will glorify God, but it is our privilege and responsibility to do so now.

**Ps. 96:3** -- "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."

**1 Chron. 16:24, 28-29** -- "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the Lord in holy array."

### III. THE PICTURE OF GOD'S GLORY

What is God's glory? How is it described in Scripture?

**Key Principle:** God's glory is His possession and expression of divine attributes. To glorify God is not to add to His glory, but to acknowledge and praise Him for it.

#### A. HIS INTRINSIC GLORY

**Is. 42:8** -- "I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images." (This passage relates to idolatry, not to God's glory being revealed in believers - see John 17:22 below).

**John 17:5** -- Jesus prayed, saying, "Now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

#### B. HIS IMPARTED GLORY

##### 1. The Father glorifies the Son

**John 8:54** -- Jesus answered His Jewish detractors, saying, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'"

**Acts 3:13** -- Peter said to the people of Israel, "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him."

**Note:** New Testament references to Christ being glorified refer primarily to his death, resurrection, and ascension--the Father vindicating the Son through resurrection.

##### 2. The Son glorifies the Father

**John 17:1, 4-5** -- "Lifting up His eyes to heaven, [Jesus] said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee. I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. . . . And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.'"

##### 3. The Spirit glorifies the Son

**John 16:14** -- Jesus told His disciples, "[The Holy Spirit] shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you."



#### 4. *The Son glorifies believers*

**John 17:22-23** -- Jesus prayed to the Father, saying, “The glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.”

The Father manifested Himself in the Son; the Son manifests Himself in believers.

**Col. 1:26-27** -- God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of [ultimate] glory.

#### 5. *Believers glorify God*

As seen throughout this study.

### C. *HIS REVEALED GLORY*

#### 1. *An Old Testament illustration*

**Ex. 33:18-23** -- Moses said to God, “I pray Thee, show me Thy glory!” And [God] said, ‘I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.’ But He said, ‘You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!’

“Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.’”

#### 2. *Some New Testament illustrations*

**John 1:14** -- “The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**John 2:11** -- “This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.”

**John 11:4** -- Regarding Lazarus' sickness, Jesus said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

**Matt. 15:29-31**-- "Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up to the mountain . . . great multitudes came to Him . . . and marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

**Heb. 1:3** -- Christ is "the radiance of [God's] glory and the exact representation of His nature."

#### **IV. THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S GLORY**

##### **A. KEY PRINCIPLE:**

God will get glory with or without our cooperation. But as loving children we should seek to glorify Him in everything we do.

##### **B. HOW DO WE GLORIFY GOD?**

###### **1. By acknowledging Him as Creator**

**Rom. 1:23** -- (A negative illustration) Those under God's wrath "exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures."

###### **2. By proclaiming His marvelous works**

**John 9:24** -- (A negative illustration) "A second time [the Jewish leaders] called the man who had been blind, and said to him, 'Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.'"

###### **3. By acknowledging His supremacy**

**Rom. 11:36** -- "From Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."

###### **4. By confessing sin**

**Josh. 7:19** -- Achan robbed from Ai, and God caused them to lose the battle. "Then Joshua said to Achan, 'My son, I implore you, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.'"

Confession of sin protects God from being accused of unjust judgment.

5. ***By repenting of sin***

**Rev. 16:9** -- During the Great Tribulation “men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.”

6. ***By confessing Christ***

**Phil. 2:10-11** -- “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and . . . every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

7. ***By worshiping God***

**Ps. 29:1-3** -- “Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in holy array.”

**Ps. 57:5, 11** -- “Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Thy glory be above all the earth.”

**Ps. 71:8** -- “My mouth is filled with Thy praise, And with Thy glory all day long.”

**Ps. 72:19** -- “Blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.”

8. ***By fearing (revering) God (an element of worship)***

**Rev. 14:6-7** -- “I [John] saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.’”

9. ***By singing or playing music (a type of worship)***

**Ps. 66:2** -- “Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious.”

**2 Chron. 5:13** -- “In unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and . . . they praised

the Lord saying, ‘He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting.’”

#### **10. *By praying***

**Ps. 79:9** -- “Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name; And deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Thy name’s sake” (the proper motive for prayer).

**John 14:13** -- “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

#### **11. *By giving thanks (a form of prayer)***

**Ps. 86:12** -- “I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Thy name forever.”

**Luke 17:18-19** -- Ten leprous men whom Jesus sent to the priests--on their way they were healed. Only one returned to thank Him. In response Jesus said, “Was no one found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner? . . . Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

At that point Jesus redeemed the man, whom He had previously healed physically (v. 14).

**Acts 12:23** -- “Immediately an angel of the Lord struck [King Herod] because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.”

**2 Cor. 4:15** -- Paul said, “All things are for your sakes, that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.”

#### **12. *By behaving righteously***

**Matt. 5:16** -- “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

**2 Thess. 1:11-12** -- “To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power; in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

**1 Pet. 2:12** -- “Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

**13. *By bearing spiritual fruit***

**John 15:8** -- “By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

**Phil. 1:9-11** -- “This I [Paul] pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

**14. *By ministering our Spiritual Gifts***

**1 Pet. 4:11** -- “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. Amen.”

**15. *By Christian ministry in general***

**2 Cor. 8:23** -- “As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, they are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ.”

**16. *By accepting one another***

**Rom. 15:7** -- “Accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.”

**17. *By Christian unity***

**Rom. 15:5-6** -- “Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**18. *By deferring to a weaker Christian brother***

**1 Cor. 10:31** -- “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

**19. *By being faithful financial stewards***

***Ps. 96:7-8*** -- “Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.”

***2 Cor. 8:19*** -- Regarding an unnamed Christian brother who is traveling with Paul and his companions to insure complete propriety in the handling of the money being sent to the Judean saints by the churches outside of Judea, Paul says, “He has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself.”

***2 Cor. 9:12-13*** -- “The ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all”

**20. *By remaining sexually pure***

***1 Cor. 6:18-20*** -- “Flee immorality . . . Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

**21. *By dying for Christ if necessary***

***John 21:19*** -- “Now this [Jesus] said, signifying by what kind of death [Peter] would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ‘Follow Me!’”

**C. *SUMMARY PRINCIPLE: DO EVERYTHING TO THE GLORY OF GOD!***

***1 Cor. 10:31*** -- “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

***John 17:4*** -- Jesus said to the Father, “I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.”

**KEY PRINCIPLES:**

1. Trinity Baptist Church exists to glorify God. So do you!
2. Everything God does is related to His Glory.
3. God's glory is His possession and expression of His divine attributes.
4. Glorifying God does not mean that we add to His glory.
5. We glorify God by acknowledging His attributes and actions, praising Him for them, and reflecting His communicable attributes in our lives.
6. Glorifying God is the preoccupation of those in heaven.
7. Understanding God's glory brings conviction, praise, and worship.
8. Ultimately, everything brings glory to God (even His judgment against the unrighteous).
9. God will get glory regardless of our cooperation. But as loving children we should seek to glorify Him in everything we do.
10. God will judge those who refuse to give Him glory.
11. Summary Principle: Do everything to God's Glory
12. Benediction: ***Jude 1:24-25*** -- Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.