

I. We Were Made for God's Glory

- A. My Trip to Washington State
- B. Football Commercial

John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with *the glory that I had with you before the world existed*.

Revelation 14:7

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 heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Key Idea

The glory of God in all its dazzling brightness shines forth most brightly in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

II. The Brilliant Glory of Jesus

- A. The Glory of the New Outshines the Old

2 Corinthians 3:11

For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, *much more* will what is permanent **have glory**.

- B. Unveiled Faces!

2 Corinthians 3:18

And *we all, with unveiled face*, beholding **the glory of the Lord**, are *being transformed* into the *same image* from *one degree of glory to another*. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:4, 6

⁴ In *their case* the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing

the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ...

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*.

C. Where is the Glory?

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but **by the open statement of the truth** we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ...

III. Revel in the Glory of the Living God!

1. God
2. Man

“Our wisdom...consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But as these are connected together by many ties...” – John Calvin

Acts 17:24-28

²⁴ The **God** who *made the world and everything in it*, being Lord of heaven and earth, [is not] served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all **mankind** life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he *made from one man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ *that they should seek God*, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for “*In him we live and move and have our being...*”

3. Sin

Romans 3:11

...no one understands; **no one seeks for God**. ...

4. Jesus

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For *by him all things were created*, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—*all things were created through him and for him*. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him *all things hold together*.

John 1:14a

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that *everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*.

Acts 17:30-31

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now **he commands all people everywhere to repent**, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which *he will judge the world* in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this *he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead*.”

5. Response

Romans 1:1-6

¹ Paul, ...set apart for **the gospel of God**, ... ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to **bring about the obedience of faith** for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ...