

Question 1: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

1 Peter 4:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31

1. What is God's Glory?

The sparkling of His Deity, His weight, His being.

2. What does it mean to glorify God?

Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31; Rev.4:11

Appreciation: Set God highest in our thoughts

Psalm 92:8; Psalm 97:9: He is the prime cause and the first mover. We admire Him in His attributes, His promises, power, and wisdom

Adoration- Worship- **Psalm 29:2**

Divine worship as prescribed by God. Regulative vs. Normative principle of worship. Either it is scriptural or it is strange fire.

Affection: God is glorified when we love Him. **Deuteronomy 6:5**

~Love of concupiscence- self love. Loving God because He does us a good turn.

~Love of delight- more than our treasures. Exuberant and superlative.

To love God is to glorify Him. He that is chief of our happiness; has the chief of our affections.

Subjection- dedicate ourselves to Him and stand ready for service: Our heads study, our tongues plead and confess, our hands relieve His members, our knees bow.

3. Why must we glorify Him?

He gives us our being. **Psalm 100:3**

He made all things for His glory. **Romans 11:36**

His glory is transcendent and excellent

All creation below and above, visible and invisible glorify Him. Should we sit idle?

All our hopes hang on Him!

4. How shall we glorify Him?

Prefer Him above all things

Be content in His will and providence even when it crosses ours.

Be content to be outshined by others in gifts and esteem.

Confess our sins in sincerity- humble confession exalts God.

Unwilling to tax others with our sins (**Genesis 3:12**)

Confession glorifies God and acknowledges His holiness and righteousness.

We glorify God when we believe Him! (**1 John 5:10**)

Trust Him even when we can't trace Him!

We glorify God when we are fruitful: (**John 15:8, Matthew 5:16**)

We glorify God when we are content in His providence.

We glorify God when we work out our salvation. God's glory and our good are twisted together.

We glorify God when we live to Him. What are you living for Him. Living to His service and laying ourselves out Holy to Him.

We glorify God when we walk cheerfully. **Psalms 100:2**

We glorify Him by standing for and in His truth.

We glorify Him by prayer. Not murmuring in discontent.

We glorify Him by being zealous for His name.

We glorify Him when we have our eyes on Him in our natural and civil actions. (Eating, drinking, buying, selling)

We glorify God when we labor to draw others to Him.

We glorify God when we suffer for Him. Even to the shedding of blood. "Many say Lord take this cup from me" but very few "Thy will be done"

We glorify God when we give Him credit for the good we do.

We glorify God when we live a Holy life.

5. Enjoying Him forever!

Ps. 16:5-11; 144:15; Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:10; Phil. 4:4; Rev. 21:3-4.

In this life!

Enjoying His presence

How many make it their chief end to enjoy God but indulge their own flesh.

"Many for a drop of pleasure swallow a sea of wrath!" ~Watson

Enjoying His presence yields contentment

We must be conformed by His grace to have communion with Him

~ We must have the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

He is the universal good.

He is the unmixed good

He is the satisfying good

He is the superlative good.

