

THE ACTS
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TITLE:

WHAT GLORIFIES GOD - PART 2

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

We are living in the most self-deifying age since the Garden of Eden
The Garden of Eden ?

Genesis 3:4-5

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **:5** "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God,

Many Evolutionist are suggesting *now that man's ultimate progression upward will be godhood and it will happen explosively.*

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **:19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **:20** For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. **:21** For although they knew God, they neither **glorified** him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **:22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **:23** and changed the **glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and **birds** and **four-footed animals** and **creeping things.**** - (*An Inverted Record of Evolution*)

Evolutionists & The New Age are saying...

That man, who's the top dog... will soon become the top god

We're asking the Question...

"What Glorifies God"?

IF in all the Universe...

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

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**The Chief End of All Things
"is to bring Glory to God"**

The Crime

Self - Promotion

Herod Failed

at deflecting the "DOXA" glory to God

* **GRK** *Glory doxa (dox'-ah)*
the absolute dignity, complete honor, worthy praise.

Verse 22-23

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD..... My **glory** I will not give to another,
nor My praise to a (created) image.

Like The Story of Emperor's New Clothes

Herod was Naked

Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of
Him to whom we must give account.

..... "What Glorifies God"

1.) Repentance: to "change" course - direction

Revelation 16:9

And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.
(to give absolute dignity, honor, praise)

2.) Confession: to "announce" Jesus as Lord

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#3 "What Glorifies God" Prayer in Jesus Name:

Turn to John 14

Jesus Said;

John 14:13-14

"whatever you ask in My **name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:14 "If you ask anything in My **name**, I will do it.

The Qualifier is "His Name"

* *Name GRK 3686 onoma (on'-om-ah)*

in the authority and character

It is to pray

ACCORDING TO THE "WORD & WILL" OF GOD...

"IS WHAT I'M REQUESTING GLORIFYING TO GOD
ANSWERED PRAYER - GLORIFIES GOD

John 15:7-8

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. :8 **"By this My Father is glorified,** that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

1 John 5:14

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Praying in His Name

*Is Knowing **who** Jesus is (Authority) and **what** He Desires (Character)*

IT'S COMING TO GOD BASED UPON "WHO JESUS IS" --

THE OBJECT OF OUR PRAYER

CONTRARY TO BENNY HINN'S TEACHING (MY WILL BE DONE)

JESUS SAID...

Matthew 6:9-10

"In this manner, therefore, pray: our Father in heaven, holy be Your name. :10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

{IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW, IT'S WHO YOU KNOW}

James 4:3

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

The Boy, The Bike & The Virgin Mary

There's a Story about the little boy who wanted a bicycle. asking his mom & dad repeatedly for a bike, his dad said, Jr. 'ask God to get you a bicycle' After a week of prayer and no bicycle, he sat frustrated in the front seat of the family car while mom was in the market, Jr. noticing the image of the virgin Mary on the dash grabbed it and broke it off and said "Jesus, if ever want to see your mother again... you'll get me a bicycle"

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 15:16b

...whatever you ask the Father in My **name** He may give you.

*Turn to 1 Corinthians 6***1 Corinthians 6:18, 20**

Flee (knowing and obeying the need to run) fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is outside of the body; but he that committing sexual immorality sins against **his own body****20** For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify** God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

- Abstinence Until Marriage
- Faithfulness throughout Marriage

Sexual Immorality

Translated as: **fornication, adultery, marital unfaithfulness,**

- But We're engaged...
- But We Love Each Other...
- But How are we going to know if we're compatible...

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, :20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension's, factions :21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things **will not** enter the kingdom of God.

Sexual Immorality Robs glorify from God

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor those who covet, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

A POSTED NOTICE:

THE BIBLE SAYS;

If You are married... You should be having sex with your spouse as often as possible - coming up long enough to catch your breath

1 Corinthians 7:4-5

The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. **:5 Do not deprive one another** except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and **come together again** so that Satan does not tempt you...

Pornography is a form of Sexual Immorality... and Idolatry

Young man, Old Man

Pornography is Adultery in Heart

Matthew 5:28

"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Job 31:1

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

Young girl, Old Lady

Lust Novels are a form of Adultery

2 Corinthians 10:5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, **and bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

1.) SEXUAL SIN *destroys the body's Usefulness*

both now and even more later on As you grow older... there will be a wicked price to pay later. sexual vitality will be robbed

2 Timothy 2:20-21

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. **:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.**

2.) SEXUAL SIN *destroys the soul's Stability*

Romans 1:28-29

even as they did not like to retain God in their thoughts God gave them over to a perverted mind/soul,, to do those things which are not proper; :29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality

3.) SEXUAL SIN *destroys spiritual Stewardship*

1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

A Godly Sex Life

is when you can thank God, in prayer, with your spouse,
for the intimacy between two of you.

SEXUAL SIN ROBS GOD OF GLORY DUE TO HIM

SEXUAL SIN ROBS YOU OF VITALITY

#5 "What Glorifies God"

A Fruitful Life:

John 15:5, 7-8a

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, **bears much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing. :7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. :8 "By this My Father is **glorified**, that you **bear much fruit**; so you will be disciples.

It is the Good Work... *that* Produces Fruit...

By the Spirit of God !!!

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who **works in you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; **and greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Leading People to Christ

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should **go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,**

Colossians 1:10

that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

What is 'Good Works'?

Titus 2:7 (1-7)

in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

- When you love our wife you glorify God
- When you love your husband you glorify God
- When you love your children you glorify God

Good Works

Titus 2 & 3

John 17:10

"And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A.) Worship is a Good Work.... it's Fruitful

Hebrews 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the **sacrifice** of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

{ **being on time** }

B.) Your Attitude towards others is a Good Work

Galatians 5:22-23

the fruit (*singular in the GRK*) of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

C.) Leading People to Christ is a Good Work

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should **go** (evangelism) and bear fruit, and that your fruit should **remain** (discipleship)

1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. :32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, :33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Winning People to Jesus... Glorifies God

John 15:8

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

••••• "What Glorifies God" •••••

- #1 Repentance... Toward God
- #2 Confession... That Jesus Is Lord
- #3 Prayer... in Jesus' Name
- #4 Sexual Purity...
- #5 A Fruitful Life...

If You Claim to be a Christian and Glorifying God is not important to you... You had better reconsider calling yourself a Christian at all

**For The Chief End of All Things
"is to bring Glory to God"**

Psalm 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall **glorify** Me."