

THE ACTS  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
CHAPTER 12:20-25  
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TITLE:

WHAT GLORIFIES GOD? - PART 3

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**.“

The Background;

Acts 12:1-2

**Now about that time** (*A Great Move of the Holy Spirit*) **Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass** (*to injure, to wound, to exasperate*) **some from the church. :2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. :3 And because he saw that it pleased THE Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also.**



Acts 12:22-23

**And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" :23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.**

We're asking the Question...

“What Glorifies God”

The Chief End of All Things  
“is to bring Glory to God”

Theme Verse of the Text is...

Isaiah 42:8

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

..... "What Glorifies God" .....

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| #1 | Is Repentance.....      | <i>Toward God</i>              |
| #2 | Is Confession.....      | <i>That "Jesus Is Lord"</i>    |
| #3 | Is Prayer.....          | <i>In Jesus' Name</i>          |
| #4 | Is Sexual Purity.....   | <i>Abstinence/Faithfulness</i> |
| #5 | Is A Fruitful Life..... | <i>Fulfilling His Call</i>     |

#6 "What Glorifies God" Love & Acceptance:

**Romans 15:5-6**

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, :6 that you may with one mind and one mouth **glorify** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Being a Mature Believer  
is to be "accepting" of others in the Faith

**Romans 14:1-6 (10)**

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. **2** One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. **3** The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. **4** Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. **5** One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks..... **10 But why do you judge your brother?** Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **11** For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." **12** So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

The Point is;  
The Opposite of Love & Acceptance is 'Judgment'

When there is no sin involved... and we judge someone else, we are robbing glory from God.

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

**When you look at me,**

**When I look at you, I am critical, I am evaluating and sorting you into a place**

1 Corinthians 3:2-3

I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; :3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

**it's His Prerogative**  
we had better learn to agree to disagree

Romans 15:7

**Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us,  
to the glory of God.**

Hebrews 10:25

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Get On The Phone, Write Them a Letter,  
Stop by their House.**

Ephesians 1:5-6

**having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, :6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.**

# The Mark of a Healthy Believer

Make it a Change...

2 Corinthians 5:9

Therefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

#7 “What Glorifies God”      Unity:

Philippians 2:2-5

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. :3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. :4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. :5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Saint Augustine;

*In Essentials, Unity. in Nonessentials, Liberty  
and in All things, Charity*

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you be of **one mind**, having **compassion for one another**; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

#8 “What Glorifies God”      Compassion:

\* **Compassion**      **GRK** to have innermost yearning, to feel deep sympathy, to have strong pity (**always with an action to alleviate**)

Compassion which leads to Benevolence

## THE EXAMPLE JESUS LEFT FOR US

**Matthew 9:36**

**when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.**

**Matthew 14:14**

**And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.**

## THE EXAMPLE WE LEAVE FOR OTHERS

**1 John 3:17**

**But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?**

**James 2:15-16**

**If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, James 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?**

## We are Selfish by Nature !!!

**1 Peter 4:9**

**Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.**

**#9 "What Glorifies God" Suffering:**

**1 Peter 4:12-14 (16)**

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; **:13** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. **:14** If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified..... **:16** Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him **glorify** God in this matter.

Even Death for the Believer... Glorifies God  
Concerning Peter's Death

**John 21:19**

This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

**Polycarp & Foxes Book of Martyrs**

(More came to faith by his death than by his life)

**John 12:24**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."

**Psalms 116:15**

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

**Lazarus, the Gospel's Secret Weapon**

**John 11:4**

When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

**John 12:9-11**

Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

**Philippians 3:10**

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

**1 Corinthians 1:29**

that no flesh should glory in His presence.

**2 Corinthians 12:7**

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. :8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. :9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. :10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Romans 5:2

through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the "glory" of God.

We are soon, going to be with Him

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

\*     **looking**     4327   prosdechomai (pros-dekh'-om-ahee);   to await with confidence or patience) accept, allow, look (wait) for, take.

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## *Turn to Matthew 25*

Matthew 25:3

"Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

## *Oil, The Symbol of the Holy Spirit*

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1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be like, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 Peter 4:7

therefore be sober and watchful *in your prayers*.

Matthew 22:21

..."Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

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#7	Is Living in Unity.....	<i>Agreeable</i>
#8	Is Showing Compassion	<i>Meeting Needs</i>
#9	Is Suffering.....	<i>Trusting Him</i>
#10	Is Awaiting His Return..	<i>Be Watchful</i>

**Romans 16:27**

**to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.**