

Torrey 1988 How to Glorify God: Session 1

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Glorifying God in your life is the most important goal and pursuit you could ever have. But I have discovered that I have a problem and so do you. Romans 3:23 as that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. My natural tendency is not to glorify God. My natural tendency is to glorify myself with the people around me. In Psalm 29, I read some wonderful words about the importance of the glory of God, and I want to give you a couple of reasons why we should glorify God and then talk about how, in fact, we can do that as believers.

I believe it's very specific in the Bible. You can literally read it, understand it quickly and know exactly what God wants you to do to glorify him. But one of the reasons why should I glorify God, and I would give you two of them. One is that the character of God himself deserves it. The character of God himself deserves it. In Psalm 29, verse one, it says this, give unto the Lord, o you mighty ones. Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to his name.

Worship the Lord in the beauty or the majesty of Holiness. I'll turn to chapter 96, please, of Psalms, chapter 96. According to the Bible, we are to give the Lord the glory that is due his name. Psalm 96 it says in verse seven, give to the Lord. Oh, kindred of the Peoples give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory. Do his name, bring an offering and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness, tremble before him all the Earth.

Similar words to Psalm 29. Why glorify God turn to Psalm 115 one Psalm 115, verse one. It's because the character of God, who God is deserves it. God is not man. Man is not God. Man can never become God. We can be born of the Spirit of God, become children of God. But we can never become gods. That's Mormon theology. But that's not biblical theology today in Christianity, there are people who actually believe they can become God and say so and put it into print. That is not the teaching of the Bible.

You will never be God. Hopefully you will be like God. We know when the second coming happens and our bodies are resurrected, that our bodies will be fashioned like unto the glorious body of Jesus Christ. But we will never, even in eternity be God. God is eternal. We are not God is omniscient. We are not God is omnipresent. We are not God is omnipotent. We are not. God is perfect. We are not all of these factors about the character of God deserves glory. I like to put it this way by an all priori argument or right. Where's the competition when God made everything? He's alone. Before anything comes into existence, there is God, beyond me.

He says there's nothing. There are no other gods besides me. Every other called God is simply that a called God. He is not a real God. The only real God is the God. There aren't the gods. There's only the God. And before anything came into existence, there was God. So he has a right to do whatever he wants to do. And by his character being God and not us, he deserves all the glory, all the praise, all the honor. He's totally in charge. And he has a right to do whatever he wants to do.

In Psalm 115:1, I read this: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us. But to your name, give glory." It is a principle in the Bible that man is not to be glorified, but God is. 1 Corinthians one tells us that if we're to boast, we're to boast in the Lord. We are never to give glory to man. We are to give glory to God. Not unto us, but unto you, o Lord, do we give glory. Listen to me. I think the number one problem in the Christian life is this one.

I don't think it would take too much to prove that point. It's like you and I everything falls apart on the basis of this one issue alone. Do you give glory to God? It's like if we have a great meeting, we hear something good or some music that lifts our hearts. We say, hey, man, glory to God. I love it. In Latin America where I've ministered, I love what they say in their meetings all the time. A few amens and hallelujahs. But what you normally hear is glory ideas, glory ideals, glory to God.

I love to hear that. But just because we say that after a meeting or after a great worship meeting and maybe after some musical praise does not necessarily mean that we are living our life that way. The fundamental problem that you have and I have is how do I glorify God? The character of God being God, not man, deserves it. Give him glory because of who he is. But there's a second reason. Turn to Revelation chapter Four A second reason why I would tell myself and you that I should glorify God in my life as a regular habit is not only because of the character of God, who he is, but the creation of God himself.

The fact that I am one part of that creation and that creation of God demands not as not a creative alternative or a positive suggestion. The creation demands that I glorify God in my life.

Revelation Chapter 4: the scene is in heaven. There are 24 elders there. I believe they represent the completed body of the Church of Jesus Christ. I am a pre-tribulationist. I do not even eat Post Toasties. I know a lot of people disagree with this, but if you'd like to hear some very important arguments about Pre-tribulationism I'd really encourage you to get the new book we have on Revelation called "The Coming World Leader."

Just yesterday I was talking with a major publisher who questioned what I had written in that commentary on Revelation Four and five. He said, David, if what you wrote is correct, then it's the strongest, most powerful argument on pre-tribulationism that you could find. He said, I'm questioning the accuracy of what you said. What I said was that the 24 elders represent the completed body in heaven, that they cannot be Angels, they cannot be Israel. They cannot be the great multitude or saved in the Tribulation. They are a completed body of people in heaven, and they are a redeemed body of people.

If you look for a moment at chapter five, it says in verse nine, they sang a new song. These 24 elders did. It says you are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals for you were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us Kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the Earth. Several of you have translations that did not see the first person pronoun there, did you?

They changed it to "they" or "them." New American went that way. New International went that way. King James has us. And in the Book of Revelation called The Coming World Leader, I exposed the problem. I said that there are 24 Greek manuscripts of Revelation Five and that 23 of

them contained the reading us that it was an attempt on the part of other translators to get off of the obvious "Pretrib" argument that the 24 elders are indeed a redeemed purchased by the blood of Christ group in heaven during the Tribulation.

And this particular publisher said to me yesterday, said, David, A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. I said, that's true. That's very true, he said, are you aware of the fact that there are more Greek manuscripts on Revelation than 24? I said, get to the point, he said, Well, there's 95 known Greek manuscripts on the Book of Revelation, and he said only 23 of them contained the word us. You said that 23 out of 24 did. I said to him, well, it is true. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Out of the 95 manuscripts on Revelation, there are only 24 of them that have the reading in Revelation 5 and 23 out of the 24 read "us," not "them." The Latin Vulgate done by Jerome fourth century, he had all the early manuscripts available to him, translates into Latin in Revelation 5, "us." Why is this important? It's a completed body, 24 elders representative of a completed body in heaven. And they say they're redeemed and purchased by the blood of Christ. Evidently, the Church does not go through the Tribulation, but is in heaven while the tribulation goes on on earth.

That, by the way, is fundamental to what I'm going to tell you now about how to glorify God, the number one group proving to all of us that the number one business of our life is to glorify and worship God. It's the 24 elders in the Book of Revelation. And what do they do? They're always

falling down on their faces and worshiping God and giving Him glory forever and ever. And you ask me, what is the most important thing that I, as a Christian, could be committed to in my life?

It is the glory of Almighty God. Look at Revelation 4. Now, in the light of this verses nine to eleven and see what you think in Revelation 4, we have a picture of God, the Father on his throne. Revelation 5, the emphasis is on God, the Son. In Revelation 4, verse nine, it says, whenever the living creatures, those are four Angels. Cherubim, they're the worship leaders of heaven, one on either side of the throne of God. All four sides. Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him, who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever.

The 24 elders, notice verse nine, "whenever," then verse ten, the 24 elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him, who lives forever and ever and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, you are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. The character of God deserves it. Secondly, for you created all things and by your will they exist and were created. The creation of God demands it character of God. It deserves it to His name, give glory never to ourselves.

The creation of God. All that He's done demands that we glorify God. Having said that, I want you to turn to Romans. Chapter One and let's see what actually takes place. Romans chapter One According to the Bible, very first chapter, first verse in the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth, and that demands that we glorify Him in Romans. Chapter 1 by the way, have you ever thought about this at most? Attempts to get away from historic Christianity not only get

fuzzy on the deity of Jesus Christ, but they also get fuzzy on the creative power of God and how it all started.

If you're a Mormon, you've got people in heaven before they come down here. If you're a Mormon, you read God saying, Let us make man in our image and have him talking to Angels or to the people who were in heaven who then came to Earth and eventually get up there again. It's interesting that if you're Jewish, you have God talking to the Angels, let us make man in his image. How can you have an us and a we when the Lord our God is one Lord.

But if that's true, the Angels were involved and they were. The Bible says they sang and rejoiced at what God had done. But did the Angels create anything? The answer is no. And if they did, then they deserve glory. And the Bible is contradictory. There is only one who deserves glory, and that's the one who made us and made all things. And that's the eternal God who manifests himself as Father, Son, and Spirit. He's the only one. Now, what actually happens when people look at creation?

I don't know if you got up this morning, looked outside and said, Man, I tell you, we got to glorify God. There's no doubt about it. I don't know if you look into a beautiful night when there's no clouds or fog or smog. I tell folks in other places that the major joy of life that they miss is that they do not hear the birds coughing in the morning as we do in California. That's what they think. But frankly, I don't trust there that I cannot see Amen.

So it's often a problem. But anyway, on a beautiful, clear night, when you see all the stars filling the heavens, what do you understand the Bible to tell you to do? The Bible teaches us many times that that evidence alone should cause glory and praise in our hearts to God. A lot of us don't give it a second thought. It's just a nice night. Romans 1 tells us about this problem I read in verse 18, for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress or hold down the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them.

For God has shown it to them. You say how? For since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes are clearly seen, you say, Well, I know people who don't see it too clearly. What's the problem? It says, being understood by the things that are made. By the way, the phrase the thing that is made is in Greek the word "Poema." We get our English poem from it. A poem speaking of the greatness of God, is the material universe. And by the way, the believer is also a poem.

Ephesians 2:10 says, we are his workmanship, and it's also the Greek word "Poema": poem. We are a poem of redemption. And there's a poem of creation, and it's a love message to the eternal God, thanking him and praising him for his marvelous power. That says they understood by the things that are made. Look at this verse 20, his eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse. According to the Bible, everybody looking at creation can come to at least a couple of conclusions. One whoever made this thing had to be in existence before it was made.

Thus the essential and fundamental meaning of eternal. Whoever made it had to be in existence before it was made. Cause and effect. Simple philosophical thought. Number two, that whoever

made this thing, the trees, the mountains, the stars, the galaxies obviously had to be bigger than you and I power eternal power, you say. Well, that doesn't tell everybody about the gospel. That's right. But isn't it fascinating that all cultures of the world have that evidence that revelation of God? God, as it were, screaming in love, that we would glory and praise and honor and give thanks to him, created the most marvelous beautiful thing beyond man's wildest imaginations or ability to even comprehend it, let alone produce it.

And that evidence is to all of us a message from God glorify me because of what I have done. What does man do? Verse 21, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts. And their foolish hearts were darkened professing to be wise, they became fools and changed. Some people like to say, exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God, which was obvious in creation into an image made like corruptible man and birds and four footed beasts and creeping things.

Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness and the lust of their hearts to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchange the truth of God for the lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator who has blessed forever? Amen I'm going to tell some things today that I don't know that I've ever spoken about, but it's been on my mind and heart and I don't have anybody else to listen to me. So would you listen? I believe the problem of Romans chapter One is still among Christians, even though this is talking about unbelievers.

I think it's still here. I think it's still our problem. I think the lie is worshiping and serving the created thing, the creature rather than the Creator. It always has been. And I believe it's a natural

tendency coming out of our depravity, even though we can sugarcoat it and spiritualize it to constantly do this rather than glorify God. And I want to give an example. I believe we do this with speakers today in radio and television. I have a right to say this because I am one.

This is very important to understand. It's what some of us call the Messiah syndrome. It's where if somebody wanders all over the pulpit, sweating up a storm and loosening his tie and screaming and yelling and shouting with fabulous meetings and lots of people there and people saying Amen, that all of a sudden he becomes the attraction. He becomes the authority. Do you know what you're saying? Aren't you a part of the problem? Yes, I am. Somebody has to say it. I would hate to think that students would come out of Biola universities with a Messiah syndrome.

I hope they'll come out of Biola University with a desire to glorify God no matter what they do in their life. Worshiping and serving the creature has always been the lie. I'm not the authority and neither is anybody else who speaks to you whether it's on television or radio in your local Church. The authority is God and His marvelous word, and there's no guarantee that I'm interpreting this correctly. Let me give you an example of how this application. If this blows you away or hurts you.

I'm sorry, but somebody's got to do something about this. Here's an example. I'm in a meeting recently. The time is short. There's not enough. The preliminaries went on too long and he said, I'm sorry. The time I said, you'd have, you won't have and hurry it up and all that. He said, because of the time. I know, David, how you like to read Scripture at the opening? Why don't we dispense with the reading of the scripture and just get into the message? I turned to him and I

said, if we're really that short of time, then we should dispense with the message and just read the Bible because that's the only time we know we're right on.

And even then it's in English. He looked at me and said, what? This is on the platform. What are you saying? I said, I don't know. I'm just upset. Well, get it. Straighten out, brother. Before you speak to our crowd, I said, Well, I just don't like what I see going on. What makes you think that my message is somehow going to make it all happen or make it powerful? I don't make this book powerful. It already is the power of God. The miracle of me is that God can use me to deliver it and have tremendous things happen in people's lives when I don't deserve it.

It isn't the vessel that delivers it that gets the glory. It's God that gets the glory. And you see all over Christianity. Now there is this humongous, star oriented thinking and the media is making it worse. I challenge you to think about what you believe and who you are to commit your life to glorify God. If God takes something that's weak and foolish and doesn't look like much to people and uses it for his glory, then glorify God. But don't glorify the man. It's by the Grace of God that we are what we are.

My wife made a little sign for me several years ago that I love little cross stitching deal. It says, I am one and I'm only one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something and what I can do, I ought to do. And by the Grace of God, I will do to His honor and glory forever. Let me tell you something. Glorifying God is the issue of Christianity today. It's seen in a lot of ramifications, but it is the issue of Christianity and we should glorify God because his character deserves it and the creation demands it.

And God says that is not our natural tendency. We usually exchange the truth of the Creator into the creative thing, something we can see flesh and blood something we can handle. So we give honor and glory to an individual rather than the God who made him. If God used Balaam's donkey, he can use you and me. Amen. I love to think about that. We're so enamored with ourselves. Man, this is that age, is it not? I mean, we're into health and nutrition and aerobics and body and all this stuff.

I mean, all you have to do is just get a little older to know that it isn't going to work. It isn't going to work. One of my favorite verses in the Bible. I tell my kids, this is my favorite verses in the Bible is in Isaiah 40. It says Even the young men shall stumble badly. You see, that's your favorite verse. I love to talk about that verse. I see. Guys, did you watch the Olympics? I mean, you just look at them. My wife who doesn't normally watch sports.

She's looking at. I said, what are you doing? She said, I'm looking at this. I said, what isn't it amazing? Look at the bodies of those guys. I said, Stop looking at them. You got to go to bed with me. But have you noticed? Why don't they have somebody that weighs £500 with no teeth selling a car on television? Why do they got all these beautiful people? Hey, it's only a question of time. You're falling apart. It's only time you're decaying. You know that, don't you?

Well, that's great for your self-esteem today. I mean, you're getting old and crusty. That's why. That's the truth of it. You are born to die. You're just delaying the agony. You put that stuff all over. Pick yourself up. Try to be cool. All of that. Act like you're robust and healthy. Hey, we

know the truth. It only takes a little time. And then we know the truth about you. You're falling apart. You're lucky to be able to sit here under reasonable sanity. The flower fades, it falls away.

Well, what's all that about? That's so that you understand who is to get glory. And what does our age do? This current age fights it. We're going to be the beautiful people, man. We're going to be in great shape. We got every diet known to man. I hope somebody someday preaches about the satanic involvement of diets, amen? Fat people especially.

The guy the other day says, man, you ought to get into cottage cheese. I said, I don't want that stuff. He said, why? I said, that's why people are fat. He said, David, it's impossible. I said, no, it's not. They're the only ones who eat it. Everybody's into the body. Hey, look. Take care of the Temple of God. There's the heavy-duty theology. You know what that transcribes in this generation, into that transcribes into man being important. Listen to me. Don't check your brains up. There's something happening in society.

The narcissistic culture that we live in. The man center. The "Meism," my feelings, all that jazz is taking us away from the glory of Almighty God. Now how do you and I actually glorify God? Turn to second Corinthians, please. Chapter four, two Corinthians four. How do we actually glorify God? Two Corinthians. Chapter four, beginning at verse three, the first way that you glorify God is by Salvation getting saved. Did you know that the most important way anyone ever glorifies God is becoming a believer? Boy, do we need to be reminded of this.

In 2 Corinthians 4:3, if our gospel is veiled or hidden, it's hid to those who are perishing whose minds the God of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God should shine on them, for we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus, the Lord and ourselves, your servants, for Jesus sake, for it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in Earth and vessels, clay pots that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. Now I just told you, you were falling apart. Psalm 103 says that God has pity on you like a father does his kid because he knows you're. But dust from dust. We came to dust. We shall return. The physical body will decay. When you die, it will decay on the ground. It will go back to the chemical elements of the soil that comprise the physical body. At the present time, it will go back to the dust. And God pities us because he knows that we're nothing but a clot of dirt. Man.

I look at this and I say, wow, what is my understanding of Glorifying God? Listen, I glorify God when I get saved simply because it exalts God's power because you can't save yourself. So the passage is teaching us that it's God who has to do this to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. And you have this treasure in an earthen vessel, a clay pot. You aren't much. But God puts the glory of God in Salvation alone in the person of His son Jesus.

He puts that into your life and it's now a treasure in a clay pot. Why did God do this? So the excellency of the power will be of God and not of us. So you'll look at many people who become Christians and you'll say God is glorified. I have seen people who folks say they'll never be saved. They write them off. Don't you ever do that? I've seen those people come to know Christ as Savior and Lord and so of you. People can get saved at any moment of time by the power of God and then they become testimonies notes of praise to the glory of Almighty God in Salvation alone, turn to Ephesians, please.

Chapter One Ephesians chapter One how can you glorify God by Salvation by becoming a believer because it first of all, exalts God's power. And secondly, it exalts God's Grace. Look at Ephesians 1:4-6. It says just as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world. I want to ask you a question. Listen carefully. You answered for yourself. Do you believe that God chose you before he ever made anything? I have come to believe that the majority of Christians, although they read that, do not believe that a man who is a teacher in a theological seminary told me.

Well, I believe that if you mean he makes the decision when we get saved, that is not what it says. It says. God chose you before the foundation of the world. Do you believe that? Do you believe God made the decision before he ever made Adam and Eve to save you? Did he actually choose you? The Greek word is elected if you say it in English, did he elect you and did he do it before the foundation of the world? A lot of people are fighting this.

Remember what I said? The problem of Romans one is still among Christians. The lie is to worship and serve the creature more than the Creator. It's a constant problem in trying to glorify God. You know how you can glorify God by your Salvation because it exalts God's Grace because you are not saved on the basis of even your choice to receive Him. God chose you before the foundation of the world. That's what it says in Ephesians 1:4. Do I understand it? No.

But there's a lot in the Bible I don't understand. I fully accept. And I know that it's just a problem of my fallible understanding. But you asked me. Do I believe that God chose me before he ever made Adam and Eve before he ever made the worlds? Yes, I do. I was chosen by God. Keep reading that we should be Holy and without blame. That kind of amuses me because there's no other way we could be unless he would have chosen us. He chose us, that we'd be Holy and without blame before Him in love.

Having predestined us one of the common questions we get in radio rallies. People say, do you believe in predestination? And I always answer, is the Pope Catholic? The grass green, the sky blue? What are you talking about? It's in the Bible. Aren't we really asking what we believe about it? We all have to believe in predestination because the Bible says that we're predestined. The question is, what do we mean by it? The Greek word is our English horizon and a preposition beforehand. It means to Mark out a horizon ahead of time.

All it's saying is that God had a plan for us. He chose us when before the foundation of the world. That's what it says. Keep reading, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of His will. You say why God do this? Because

he wanted to. He said, we paid for this. That's all you got. That's all I got. Why did God create the world? Because he wanted to. Why did God save you and me? Because he wanted to.

Why did God choose you before the foundation of the world? Because he wanted to. Why has God started Biola University? I'm not sure he had anything to do with it, but he may have influenced some hearts to do it. I don't know. Do you notice the Hesitancy and why it shifted? There are certain things that I know from the Bible. There are a lot of things people do, but there's certain things I know from the Bible that God has done. And I ask why. And the Bible says because he wanted to the good pleasure of His will.

Now look at verse six, and it tells you to the praise of the glory of His Grace, by which He's made us accepted in the beloved or the beloved one, meaning Christ. Now, friends, listen. If we are the praise of the glory of His Grace, Grace gives us what we don't deserve. So therefore I had nothing to do with it to achieve it. So what really glorifies God is that which only God can do and the power of God in saving us two Corinthians four and the Grace of God, which was the motive behind it to give us what we don't deserve, are proving to me that my very Salvation is a glory to God when it's really there.

We're really born again. We're truly saved word of the praise of the glory of His Grace. Grace giving us what we do not deserve. Now, why is it still a problem among Christians? You know why? And I know. Have you ever listened to Christian testimonies?

It's because a lot of us believe that we did it. A lot of us believe that even our own talents and methods can somehow bring somebody to Christ. A lot of us believe that we are a blessing to God that he never would have had had he not saved us. Believe me, I think I'm a blessing to God. But for a different reason than that, there wasn't anything in me that caused God to choose me. And a lot of us want to think that. And you tell that to the present culture and they get mad.

People get offended. Why? Because we all want to sense our worth and value in this world. I just want everybody to know just clear something up for you. God did not save you because he knew what you were going to do for him. God didn't save you because he wants you to give a testimony. God didn't choose you because he knew you would choose Him. God made the decision independently of anything in man or anything man does. He did it. Why? So that he would be totally glorified?

How can we glorify God by really getting saved? By being born again. Right away, if you're a true child of God, you already give glory to God. So don't mess it up after you become a Christian by then somehow indicating what you have done to achieve it. You've done nothing. God's done it all. And to him be all the praise and all the glory you say. Well, I ask Jesus to come into my heart. Well, who do you think motivated you to do that?

Who do you think caused you to even want to receive it? If you really did it's? God turn to Philippians. Chapter two, you glorify God by your Salvation because it exalts God's power. It exalts God's Grace, and it also exalts God's son, Jesus Christ. You want to glorify God? Listen to these words in Philippians chapter two, beginning at verse five, it says, Let this mind be in you,

which was also in Christ Jesus who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation.

Taking the form of a servant and coming in the likeness of men and being found in appearance. As a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus. Every knee should bow of those in heaven, of those on Earth, and of those under the Earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the what?

What does it say? The glory of God, the Father. You see my Salvation glorifies God if I'm truly saved because it exalts God's son, every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord is giving glory to God. The Father God gets glorified. You're not confessing somebody else's, Lord. You're confessing that Jesus's Lord and God is glorified every time anybody bows the knee to Jesus Christ and acknowledges Him as Savior and Lord God is immediately glorified. Yes, we can glorify God by our Salvation. I want you to turn, please.

In your Bibles concerning the exultation of Jesus Christ and the glory of God, I want you to turn back to John. Chapter three. You know, in Philippians two nine that I just read it says God has highly exalted Him. The Greek word is to lift up. I want to show you something. In John chapter three, verse 14, it says, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. Even so must the Son of man be lifted up that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not

perish but have everlasting life for God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

He who believes in him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. When I read this that the Son of man was lifted up and one day I saw in Philippians two nine that God had highly lifted him up. All of a sudden I realized what it is to glorify God. The same exact word to lift up is referring to him being on the cross, and it's a play on the words in Philippians 2.

It says he was obedient to the death of the cross. Therefore, God highly lifted him up. The moment of great exultation and glory to the heart of God was when Jesus Christ died on the cross and paid for your sin and mine. What is the new song the 24 elders sing in heaven? Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive glory because he's redeemed us and purchased us. You know why a lot of Church services are dead. Why they're kind of boring and complacent and indifferent is because we've lost sight.

That the glory that God wants is the death of His Son Jesus Christ, and His resurrection in our faith. In that it glorifies, the Lord worthy is a lamb that was slain redeemed. How I love to proclaim it redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. We've forgotten that what glorifies God is. When Jesus was lifted up on that cross and bore your sins and mine. God was glorified. Salvation was handled by God alone and we had nothing to do with it. I want to ask you, does that one fact alone cause your heart right now to praise the Lord.

Lord, I thank you. When a Church meets to take the bread in the cup, they proclaim the Lord's death till they come. It's a time to worship and praise the Lord. When a Church sings songs about the death of the Lord Jesus and His redemption, what can worship away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ, what actually takes place in your heart when those things transpire in your Church. I'm calling upon all Christians here to realize that we glorify God in the issue of our Salvation alone.

You say there's much more. I know we got another day tomorrow, but I'm interested in what you feel right now about your Salvation. There couldn't be a sweeter or more blessed thing to do as we conclude this elective session than for every last one of us in our hearts to right now express our praise and thanks to God for His wonderful Salvation and the death of His Son Jesus Christ that washed us white as snow.

Let's close with prayer. And let's just take a few moments quietly before I end it with prayer. And right now, in your own heart, express thanks to the Lord. Glorify the Lord. Tell him how much you love him and you praise the Lord for what he's done. God inhabits the praises of his people. God wants you to give him glory. Do it right now.

Lord, when I think of our sin and I think of what Jesus did, there's nothing I could do but say thank you. I thank you that you have forgiven us because we sure don't deserve it. We've never done anything to prove we earned that. I thank you that when Jesus died on the cross every sin I've ever committed, or ever could think of committing, was paid for by him.

Lord, we love you. There's so much in our Christian world that glorifies man. Help us, Lord, to remember what Jesus said. If I be lifted up, I'll draw Amen to myself that God highly lifted him up. Exalted him the name that is above every name. That the name of Jesus. That sweet name that powerful name. There's no Salvation in any other name.

You say every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that He's Lord to the glory of God, the Father. Thou art worthy to receive glory. Ask created for thou had all things and for thy pleasure, they aren't are created for the Lord worthy. Amen.

You're dismissed. Next session, I believe, is at 11:00.