

Glorify God – Pt 3 God is glorified at the cross.

This is our third teaching on the topic – glorify God. Last week we established four points – (1) the unbeliever knows not God and they glorify Him not as God, (2) when Judas betrayed Jesus the SOM and the Father were glorified, (3) sickness in the heathen can be an opportunity for them to glorify God, (4) God is glorified when He judges the heathen. In this study we establish an additional two points – (1) At the cross the Father glorified the Son, the Son glorified the Father, and Son is glorified, (2) therefore we glory in the cross.

According to the scriptures –

1. At the cross of Christ

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“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee” (Jn 17:1). See also (1 Pet.1:21).

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How did the Son glorify the Father ? – “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do” (Jn.17: 4). Jesus finished the work!

* **The Son Is glorified**

“(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet [given]; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” (Jn. 7: 39). See also Jn.12: 16.

2. Therefore we glory in the cross

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Gal.6: 14).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

God chose David to be king yet he was “but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance” (1 Sam.17: 42). When he fought Goliath “the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest out with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods” (verse 43). But David in all his weakness surrendered to the Lord and trusted Him to slay the Philistine without a sword in his hand, as we know he did (v 50).

Question to think about.

How does the Father glorify His Son at the cross?

Our answer from the scriptures.

He validates His words as true – “Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he”. Therefore the Father raised up His Son as God. Hence at the cross Jesus proved the Jehovah Witnesses to be heretics, because the Father was saying to His Son – I glorify you as God – “Thy throne O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness” (Heb.1: 8).

Let us follow the example of the cross where God was glorified– in absolute weakness, in total surrender and obedience to the Father. Amen!