

Glorify God – Pt 4 – the gospel of the cross glorifies God

This is our fourth teaching on the topic – glorify God. Last week we established two points – (1) At the cross the Father glorified the Son, the Son glorified the Father, and Son is glorified, and (2) therefore we glory in the cross. In this study we establish that God is glorified (1) when the gospel of Christ-crucified is preached, (2) when a person believes the gospel, and (3) when believers subject themselves unto the gospel of Christ-crucified.

According to the scriptures –

1. When the gospel of Christ-crucified is preached – God is glorified.

“And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name” (Rom.15: 9).

2. When a person believes the gospel of Christ-crucified they glorify God.

“But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me” (Gal.1: 23 & 4).

3. When believers are subject unto the gospel of Christ-crucified God is glorified.

“Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ” (2 Cor.9: 13).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

Today many have been beguiled by the devil into believing that the Roman Catholic church is “the Christian church” – the body of Christ. Yet the Roman Catholic church is a man-made religion that proclaims salvation, forgiveness of sin through baptism, and they preach the gospel of the kingdom of heaven.

Yet the gospel of Christ-crucified that saves a person today excludes baptism.

Question to think about.

If John the baptist and Jesus preached the kingdom of heaven, how is it that God is not glorified when the gospel of the kingdom of heaven (KOH) is preached today by Roman Catholics, Mormons and the Jehovah Witnesses?

Our answer from the scriptures.

When the power of God is evident – God is glorified (example in 2 Thes.1: 9).

John the Baptist preached the KOH to the Jews, to the nation of Israel – that their Messiah was coming – believe on Him (Acts 19: 4), repent and be baptised (Matt.3: 1, 2). When the gospel of the KOH was preached healing followed (Matt.15: 10 and God was glorified (Lk.17: 15), but none were converted (Lk.22: 32).

When the gospel of Christ-crucified –

* is preached – God’s power is evident (Rom.1: 9), and He is glorified.

* Is believed –a person is saved and enters into the body of Christ (“which is the church” (Col.1: 24), and God’s power is evident and He is glorified.

When the believer is raised from the dead – God’s power is evident and He is glorified (1Cor.15: 44).

Therefore, it is only the gospel of Christ-crucified that glorifies God today! Amen.