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## Glorify God – Pt 5 & final – Unity in the body glorifies God

This is our fifth and final teaching on the topic – glorify God.

Last week we established 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. In this study we establish that – (1) when we are reproached for the name of Christ – God is glorified, (2) When we receive one another as Christ received us – we glorify God, and (3) When we are likeminded, when we are of one mind and one mouth we glorify God!

According to the scriptures –

### 1. When we are reproached for the name of Christ – God is glorified.

“If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified” (1 Pet.4: 14).

“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (1 Pet.4: 16).

### 2. When we receive one another as Christ received us – we glorify God.

“Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God” (Rom.15: 7).

### 3. When we are likeminded, of one mind & one mouth we glorify God.

“Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom.15: 5 & 6).

It is only then that – we can speak as the oracles of God with the ability that God gives that – “God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ...” (1 Pet.4: 11).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

When leaving tracts at a Roman Catholic church – my most vivid memory standing in the entrance way was of the adherents walking in, smiling, welcoming, and bowing down to the statue of Mary, their co-redeemer. Yet the Christian scriptures say – thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, thou shalt not bow down unto them (Ex.20: 4 & 5). Why? To bow down to an idol is idolatry, to worship a false god.

Question to think about.

Since the Reformation the Roman Catholic church has sought unity with Protestants under the headship of their Pontifex Maximus – their Pope. If all Protestant churches were to be seduced by Rome into unity with her – would they glorify God?

Our answer from the scriptures.

NO, unity for unities sake is not unity that glorifies God. Unity in wickedness glorifies Satan. Those who have received the gospel, and believed it in their heart unto righteousness, are bought with a price, and could never bow down to an idol and not feel convicted by the Holy Spirit of God. Because the Holy Spirit dwells in a believer, and their bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor.6: 19). And because they are bought with a price the scriptures say they are therefore to “glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Cor 6:20). Finally, “Pray for the brethren that the Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and ye in Him” (2 Thes.1: 11 & 12), and seek unity in truth in the body, and reprove error with one voice and glorify God!