

The Glory of God

*The glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness. It is the going-public of his holiness.
It is the way he puts his holiness on display for people to apprehend.*

So, the glory of God is the holiness of God made manifest.

-John Piper

Creation _____ God's glory

(Psalms 19:1) For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Glory is in the _____

(Ephesians 3:14-21) For this reason I kneel before the Father, {15} from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. {16} I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, {17} so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, {18} may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, {19} and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. {20} Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, {21} to him be **glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Church is “__” the glory of Christ

(Ephesians 5:25-27) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her {26} to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, {27} and to present her to himself as a **radiant** church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

We can ___ His glory in church!

(Psalms 63:2-3) I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. {3} Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

We give him glory by _____ to church and giving _____

(Psalms 96:8) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

_____ glorifies God

(2 Chronicles 5:12-14) All the Levites who were musicians--Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives--stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. {13} The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, {14} and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

We were _____ for His glory

(Isaiah 43:1-7) But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. {2} When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. {3} For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. {4} Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. {5} Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. {6} I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth-- {7} everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

God created us (_____ too) for His glory

(Romans 9:23-24) What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory-- {24} even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

_____ God's will glorifies Him

(John 17:4) I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

Walking in His _____ and supernatural _____, we are His glory

(Psalms 149:5-9) Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds. {6} May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, {7} to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, {8} to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, {9} to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints. Praise the LORD.

We need to "_____", then His glory will rise on us

(Isaiah 60:1-2) "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. {2} See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Bearing _____ glorifies God

(John 15:1-8) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. {2} He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. {3} You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. {4} Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. {5} "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. {6} If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. {7} If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. {8} This is to my Father's **glory**, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

_____ people about the Lord

(1 Chronicles 16:24) Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Live your _____ life to glorify God

(1 Corinthians 10:31) So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

No glory to __, all glory to ____

(Psalms 115:1) Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

Christ is the _____ of God's glory

(Hebrews 1:1-3) In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, {2} but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. {3} The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

We can _____ His glory because the Holy Spirit is in us,

Changing our likeness into ____ likeness

(2 Corinthians 3:7-18) Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, {8} will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? {9} If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! {10} For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. {11} And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! {12} Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. {13} We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. {14} But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. {15} Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. {16} But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. {17} Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. {18} And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.