



Glory to God Alone
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Introduction

In this sermon we listen to the church’s cry for “Glory to God Alone,” and apply it to our life and ministry.

The Text: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

1) “Glory to God Alone” is clearly derived from God’s Word: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36.

-Definition: “God’s glory is the revealing of his holy perfection.”

a) God’s glory is rooted in his person – who he is (1 Chron 16:10).

b) God’s glory is revealed by his actions – what he’s done (1 Chron 16:24).

c) God’s glory is reflected in our worship and work (1 Chron 16:28-29; 1 Cor 10:31).

2) “Glory to God Alone” has several applications for the Christian and the church.

a) Everything God does is for his own glory

“He works all things according to the counsel of his own unchangeable and completely righteous will for his own glory” (LBC 2.1).

b) God’s glory is derived from God alone – we do not add to his glory, we simply declare it.

“God has all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of himself; he alone is all-sufficient in himself. He does not need any creature he has made nor does he derive any glory from them. Instead, he demonstrates his own glory in them, by them, to them, and upon them” (LBC 2.2).

c) Both salvation and judgment demonstrate God’s glory.

“By God’s decree, and for the demonstration of his glory, some human beings and angels are predestined (or foreordained) to eternal life through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace. Others are left to live in their sin, leading to their just condemnation, to the praise of his glorious justice” (LBC 3.3).

d) Everything that is created is for God’s glory.

“In the beginning God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was pleased to create or make the world and all things in it.... He did this to manifest the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness” (LBC 4.1)

e) Everything that happens is for God’s glory.

“So whatever happens to any of his elect happens by his appointment, for his glory, and for their good” (LBC 5.5).

f) God’s glory is your life’s goal – the purpose for which you were created and continue to exist.

“Question 1: What is the chief end of man? Answer: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever” (WSC).

3) “The Five Solas” summarize the gospel and the Christian life.

Scripture is God’s	<i>presentation</i>	to us
Grace is God’s	<i>present</i>	for us
Faith is God’s	<i>power</i>	in us
Christ is God’s	<i>person</i>	with us
God’s Glory is his	<i>purpose</i>	for us

Response

- In light of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, how can we make sure we are living for the “Glory of God alone?”

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Chronicles 16:7-36 (Glory to God Alone)

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- 1) Starter Question: What comes to mind when you hear the phrase: “the glory of God?”
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) The context of 1 Chronicles 16 is celebratory worship after the ark is returned to the royal city. How do these verses reflect a celebratory worship service? What main themes do you see?
- 4) In v. 10 we are commanded to “glory in his [God’s] holy name.” What does that mean?
- 5) The Hebrew word for “glory” (*kabod*) carries the sense of weight. What might that mean as a qualifier for God – the “weight” of God (e.g., riches, power, holiness, perfection)?
- 6) Why does v. 24a command the church to declare God’s glory to the nations? How do we do that? What might the message be (you had better think Jesus!)?
- 7) How do God’s works (v. 24b) reveal his glory to us? What works would you give as an example (think in Scripture, etc.)?
- 8) Vv. 28-29 teach that worship, especially the church’s corporate worship, is a primary means of glorifying God. If that is so, why do so many Christians minimize the importance of church and attending corporate worship?
- 9) Read 1 Cor 10:31. How does everything we do offer an opportunity for us to give glory to God? Give some examples.
- 10) Q/A 1 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism says this: “Q: What is the chief end of man? A: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” How does a person make God’s glory their primary purpose in life?

Further study this week: Isa 6:1-7 on the glory of God (Mon); Deut 5 (esp. v. 24) on God revealing his glory (Tues); Exod 24 (esp. vv. 15-17) on God’s glory revealed to Moses (Wed); Ps 19 (esp. v. 1) on God’s glory revealed in creation (Thurs); John 1:1-18 (esp. v. 14) on Jesus as fullest revelation of God’s glory (Fri).