

How Can I Do All Things for God's Glory? (2022.03.06 Sabbath school Class)

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Like so our our subject matter for today is how can I do all things for God's glory? It's a pretty nice. Little booklet written by Dr. Pipa. And as an introduction to this, I say this is kind of a hard topic because we really don't fully understand what glory is and what it means to give it to someone, to give it to God, We say it a lot, we go over your Westminster Confession, excuse me, Westminster Catechism sort of catechism number one but you know it We say it a lot.

There really doesn't filter down to our lives where it really comes into how we actually do it. Sometimes it's just lip service And sometimes we get into problems we get into the hard times, trials and tribulations and that kind of makes us forget that God is trying to make us more like himself.

And sometimes we don't like to think about ourselves as needful creatures because we are a lot of us are. Well, I would say all of us are invested one way or other in our own self-work and being able to do things in our own ways and under our own steam.

So let's begin with a definition. What is glory from Merriam-Webster? Glory is great honor Praise or distinction accorded by common consent. So basically it's people together will say we'll attribute a an adjective or a characteristic to someone or something, usually due to something. If it's attributed to a person is because they have done something very noble or very great But from the Bible we see.

Yeah. That and some other things do. When talking about natural objects Glory, can mean the brightness of heavenly bodies, The fruitfulness of a forest the awesomeness of a horse's strength as well as the strength of young men and the long life of the elderly. But when we talk about God's glory, we see both of these definitions.

We see the beautiful brightness of God's glory that Moses wanted to see. And we see great honor and praise, that is due Him for the things he has done for us and in creation, Dr. Pipa had a good definition. God's glory is the essence of who He is. So, let's, let's go to the scripture, to get a better idea of what Glory is from first Corinthians, 15 verses, 40 and 41.

There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies, But the glory of a celestial is one. And the glory of the terrestrial is another, there is one glory of the sun. Another glory of the Moon and another glory of the stars for each one differs from another store in. Glory Isaiah, 43:7, Everyone who was called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I affirmed and made God speaking about us Philippians 2:11.

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. The Father, Again, that's something that when we confess that Jesus is Lord, we are giving glory to the Father because that is his plan. Um, and speaking of New Jerusalem and revolution, excuse me revolution. Revelations 21:11, Having the glory of God.

It's radiance like a most rare jewel like a Jasper clear as crystal. Again, that's the the part of the definition when it's attribute attributed to a celestial body. And again in Revelation and chapter 21 verses 23 and 24, The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light.

And its lamp is the Lamb by its light will nations walk and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it Again. In Revelation, I'm chapter 4. Verse 11, whether you are you, our Lord. And God to receive glory and honor and power for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created.

Again, glory that is attributed to God. For the good works that he has done by the power of his creation. And in Romans 8, verse 18 where I consider that the sufferings to this present time are not worth comparing to the glory. That is to be to reveal to us.

So which Glory do you think that is? I kind of say it's both, We definitely will know when we get there. Westminster shorter confession question, one. Now we know all this and this has to do with God's glory. We're just the chief and demand. Speak it out. Just Right.

The glorify him forever. And the Westminster Confession of faith. Chapter 2.2 God has all life. Glory goodness. Blessedness in, and of himself, and is alone in and unto himself. All sufficient not standing in need of any creatures which he has made nor deriving any glory from them. But only manifest manifesting his own glory in by unto and upon them.

He is the lone foundation of all being of whom through whom and to whom were all things and has most

sovereign dominion over them to do by them for them or upon them whatsoever. He pleases And again in the Westminster Shorter confession. Question. 54 shows us that God reveals His glory to us using his names titles, attributes, commandments, word and works.

And we can see that and in Moses experience on the Mount when he was looking for reassurance from God about what he was to do, Moses asked to see God's glory Moses couldn't look directly at God, at God's face were ahead and were to look upon God. He would die.

So God hypnosis in the cleft of the mountain and covered Moses's face with his hand while God caused His glory to pass. Moses by and while doing this God. Instructed Moses about God's glory through. God's own proclamation of His name. All right. Who has Exodus. 33:18 through 33. The first one, The Moses said, I pray you've shown your glory And he said I myself will make all my goodness past before you ever want to proclaim the name of the Lord before you.

And I will be gracious to him. I will be gracious and we'll share to the passion on human resource of compassion. But you see. You cannot see my plans for no man. Can see me and live. Then the road field behold there is a place by me and you shall stand there on the rock.

And we'll come about when my glorious passing by that I will put you in the case of the rock and cover you with my hand. Until I have asked fine, Then I will take my hand away and you shall see my back, but my face will not be seen.

Okay, thank you. So, when we listen to that, what can we, what can we tell about God's glory?

Just shout it out. It's overpowering. Listen, so fully that we can't look at it because preferred way of communicating his glorious words. Moses had still just is that it's been. Also people said it's for appeals. Sufficiently does not exhaustible.

We've expect God to be all sufficient, right? Most has had another experience. A similar experience learning about God and his glory in Exodus, 34 verses 5 through 7 Now, Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaim the name of Yahweh and Yahweh passed before him and proclaimed.

Yahweh, Yahweh God, merciful and gracious longsuffering in a bounding and goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin by. No mean, clearing the guilty visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and the children's children, to the third and fourth generations. So, and here, God is revealing His glory in two names.

Yahweh and God Yahweh. I am shows. God himself to be eternal self-sufficient, making covenants, with, and with and redeeming, his people, while God points to his nature, as our Almighty Creator and sovereign governor, What are some of the other things that we learn about God's attributes in that? That past of stripper reference that I just read or something to other things.

Merciful gracious. Long suffering. Good truthful. Merciful forgiving. But just what else? I guess I named them all. Okay.

So we see here that God has proclaimed more after views about himself. Mercy, grace longsuffering. Goodness, truth. Justice And the Westminster shorter catechism. Our excuse me. Yes. Shortcutcheism question four. Okay. Who remembers question four. What is God?

Nobody can tell me. Oh, we have to have somebody here. That is just Gabriel Very good. I've got to also reveals his glory and his works and creation and providence. Psalm 148:13. Let them praise the name of Yahweh for his name. Alone is exalted. His glory is above the earth.

Also in Psalm 104 verses 24 to 31, who has that one.

Some 104 24 to 31. Who has that? All right. How many are your words? Oh Yahweh. All of them. You have done it with them. There are this full, this is the break and wide sea in which are moving animals without number living. Things. Small and great There, the ship sail.

Leviathan is there as you form to play with? They all wait for you to give them their food at the proper time. You give to them the gathering. You open your hand air filled with what is good? You hide your face air body. You take away their breath, they die and return to their judges.

Send Have you send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the ground and the glory of Yahweh endure forever and Yahweh be slide in. Thank you. So what are some of the things we learn about God in his glory? And that there Well God has control over all creation.

Even Leviathan. That's when a Nathan's. Nathan loves Lafayette loves liter, hearing about that. But God controls Leviathan. He feeds Leviathan. What else?

Kill you whenever you want. Yes Jesus. He our lives are in his hand and they're very many other parts

of scripture where we hear of God's works of creation and Providence. Some 29 verse 3. The voice of the Lord is over the waters, The God of glory thunders. The Lord is over many waters and Psalm 8 verse 1.

Oh Lord. Our Lord. How excellent is your name in all the earth who have set your glory above the heavens. I'm going to jump down to verse 6. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained, what is man that you have our mindful of him and the son of man that you visit him for.

You have made him a little lower than the angels and you have crowned him with glory and honor. So, now that we have a good idea or at least a better idea than when we became here. Hopefully about God's glory and his attributes. Let's figure out how we glorify him.

All right, let's talk about it. Not figured out. I think we know we glorify God as we think on him with love and appreciate and appreciation for the great works that he has done for us. Deuteronomy 6, verses 4 and 5. Who has that? Here we go, the Lord our God.

The Lord is one you. So love. The Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Good. So as we think on him and meditate on his word and his works what he has done for us and in us, our hearts grow fond of Him and we delight in him.

Is there anybody? Who, you know, actually sat down and thought about what the Lord has done for them and they didn't feel fondly to about God or what he has done, you know? As anybody sat down there and saw and just said well I don't need him. No, I think if you really think about what God has done for you, you'll see that there is a fondness that you love God because of what he has done for you and that's a way that we can glorify Him.

Sorry. Another way. We glorify God is. When we praise and worship Him, Psalm 29, the first two verses who has that?

Ascribe to the Lord. Oh, heavenly be described to the Lord glory and strength ascribe to the Lord, the glory, His name worship the Lord in splendor and evilness, right? So we give glory to God, do His name when we worship Him, But we need to remember that. When we worship God, We have to do it according to his word, not because or the way that we want to do it.

Anybody remember Nate Deb in tobahu? Leviticus 10, when they worship God, in a way, not prescribed by him? What happened to them? Yeah, they were. They were fried. They were, they were killed And doing our worshiping God in the way that he according to his revealed word, that sometimes called a regulative principle of worship.

So, we worship God, according to his revealed word and not according to her own devices. Our own imaginations, The Westminster Confession of faith, chapter 21.1 quote, the light of nature. Showeth that there is a God who have Lordship and sovereignty. Overall, it's good and deal with good unto all.

It is therefore to be feared, loved praise called upon trusted in and served with all the heart and with all the soul. And while all the might, but this is the important part here, but the acceptable way of worshiping. The true God is instituted by himself and so limited by his own revealed world, will that we may not worship that.

He may not be worse with according to the imaginations or devices of men are the suggestions of Satan under any visible representation or any other way. Not prescribed in the Holy Scripture. I think that says it pretty succinctly that there is really only one way to worship God. And that's the way he has prescribed.

So now if you think that this prescription is only spoken of by some crazy Scots, let's look at the Heidelberg Confession and what it has to say about it. Heidelberg question. Heidelberg confession question 96, what is God's will for us in the second? Commandment answer that in that we in no way, make any image of God, nor worship him by any other way.

Other, any other way than has been commanded in? God's Word Might be that again. I think I'm kind of messed it up That we know way, make any image of God, nor worship Him and any other way than has been commanded in God's Word. So, we have the Scots and we have some wild-eyed journameints.

So maybe if you don't believe them, let's check out the Belgian Confession article 32. We also believe that although it is useful and good for those who govern the churches to establish and set up a certain order among themselves for maintaining the body of the church. They ought always to guard against deviating from what Christ are only master has ordained for us.

Therefore, we reject all human innovations and all laws imposed on us in our worship of God, which bind and force. Our consciences to in any way. So you know, There's a lot that point us that that our worship should be from what God has revealed about the way he wants to be worshiped.

Dave, So what would you say to the person who says, well, how come all these churches have different ways as they worship? How would you answer? We're not good at following around theological friends, and I would, I would go back on what Phil said to me this morning. Obedience are we being obedient?

Would you say that that No Whatever, you know, aspect of worship, being it here? Being it. There everywhere, is that church being obedient to God's will? God's revealed will will. Yeah, I think a judges each did. According is unwell for there was no king in Israel. Yes, that's the churches view.

According around frozen eyes.

Okay.

Is 10:30, I guess we can get a few more before. I think this is gonna have to go two weeks. So you have 15 minutes, go 45. Okay, we're gonna keep on going and we'll try to get through it. All Number three, we glorify God when we pray for His name to be hallowed and his kingdom to arrive.

Can anybody think about what I'm trying to looting to here was right? Let's look at Westminster shorter. Catechism 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

Who knows that? Don't go out in the pump.

And the first petition, which is hallowed. Be thy name. We pray that God would enable us in others to glorify Him. And all that whereby he make themselves known and that he would dispose all things to his own glory and the shorter. Catechism question number 102. What do we pray for in the second petition?

No one, Excuse me. And the second petition which is thy kingdom. Come we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced ourselves and others brought into it and kept in it. And that the kingdom of glory. May be hastened, Who's familiar with Asap the psalmist, right, Okay.

And Psalm 83 after Asap prays at the enemies of the church would be overthrown. He concludes quote that they may know that you alone. Speaking of the Lord whose name is the Lord are the most high over all the earth. We also glorify God when we bear witness to others of him and especially of what he has done for us.

If God is in our thoughts, He ought to be in our speech, right boasting about God and what he has done in our lives is a great way to witness. They can provoke people and it can you know, they would be asking us. Why is God done this and what has God done and asking about what we think about God?

And and what we believe then Colossians 4 verses 5 and 6. Walking wisdom toward outsiders making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious. Seasoned with salt so that you may know how you ought to answer each person And first, Peter, 3 13, verses 13 to 15.

Now, who is there to harm you, if you are zealous for what is good. But even if you should suffer for righteousness sake, You will be blessed. Have no fear of them nor be troubled, but in your heart's honor Christ, the Lord, as holy Always being prepared, to make a defense to anyone who ask you for a reason, for the hope that is in you yet do it with gentleness and respect.

And another way that we glorify God is when we submit to Him in faith and repentance, We have Acts 13 verses, 48, and 49, who has that. And when the Gentiles heard this, They begin rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord. And, as many as we're appointed to eternal life, belief in the Word of the Lord, with spreading throughout the whole region, Right?

So glucose is telling us about the conversion of the Gentiles. The Gentiles from Antioch that they were being, they were submitting themselves to God and faith and repentance in their conversion. Joshua and the Old Testament. He also uses the term. Give glory to Yahweh when he taught Aiken about repentance Now.

You may not remember about Aiken, But in Joshua 7, after the Israelites said left, Jericho Israel sent men out to spy. I and they got themselves whooped in a fight because someone had disobeyed God's command and stole some of the things that God had told them to destroy. And Joshua 7:19, Then Joshua said, and my son give glory to the Lord.

God of Israel and give him. Praise. Tell me now what you have done do not hide it from you.

So, we see here that when we submit to God, we glorify Him when we are obedient. As Phil says is whenaker. When we are obedient, we are glorifying God. But when we do not, we're not glorifying God, We wind up glorifying ourselves which is a problem. Another way we glorify God is when we believe and honor His Word and since God reveals His glory through the truth of His Word, We glorify Him.

When we believe all that He is revealed to us. Romans 4 verses, 20 to 25 shows us how Abraham glorified

God by believing the promise that God had given in. Who has that one? You do not waver up the promises got through unbelief. But with strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what he had promised, he would also able to perform and therefore, it was a candidate to him for righteousness.

Now it was not written for his sake alone, that was the heated to him. But also for us, it shall be imputed to us who believe in him who raised up Jesus. Our Lord from the dead, who was deliberate of, because of our offenses and was raised up because of the race because of our justification.

So we can say that Abraham did believe God, right? And when and we, by the faith of giving to us, by God believe that his word tells us, or what this word tells us Do we have any, would you say that with out faith given to us, that we would believe God's Word, Probably not.

But when we do believe, when when Christ gives us, that ability to believe that faith in God and we believe what his work tells us and we wrap our feeble minds around it. It produces good fruit in our lives, right? And when we have good fruit in our lives, is that glorifying to God.

No. All right. Yes. Yes when we do have good fruit when we walk in the ways that the Lord has set before us is good works that we have set before us. We are glorifying God in in that. All right. I'll go a couple more here and getting back to it.

Mr. Lyncher said, we glorify God when we obey him, when we are obedient. We think about Jesus getting ready. His disciples on his way to Jerusalem. He was, he knew he was going to die, but, you know, he knew he was going to be resurrected. So when Jesus is on the way the Jerusalem with His disciples, he's teaching them and us about obedience and in John 14, verse 15.

If you love me, keep my commandments. So our obedience brings glory to God in the form of good works. And we hear this from Jesus himself on the sermon of the mount, when he says, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

That's Matthew 5:16 and Peter continues on that theme about Harobedience. Glorifies God And first Peter. Chapter 2 verse 12. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles. Honorable so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. So what is the day of visitation?

When Jesus returns. And so Even the unbelievers will be glorifying God at that point. Another way we glorify God is when we content earnestly for his honor and truth. We act, we glorify God in the act of defending His truth. The truth of his word Thomas Watson, a 17th century English non-conformist Puritan preacher.

That was a When I was doing the research that I saw that, I was just a mouthful, a 17th century, English, non-conformist Puritan, preacher and author. He wrote in his book. The Body of Definity. Divinity saying much of God's glory lies in his truth. God has entrusted us with His truth as a master entrusts, his servant with the purse to keep.

We have not a Richard jewel, to trust God within our souls. Nor has got a richer Jewel to trust us with than his truth. So when we are advocates for God's truth, we glorify Him I think about this What do we do ourselves? When someone we love and someone we trust is insulted.

We get indignant and we try to defend that person, right? So if we have a true zeal for God's glory, we take dishonor that's aimed at God worse than if it was directed at ourselves.

Psalms 69 verses 6 and through nine, who has that one. Psalm 69 verses 6 through 9, Let not know who wait for you. Oh Lord, God, opposed be ashamed because of me, Let not those who seek you be confounded because of me, O God of Israel because for your sake, I was born in French.

Shame has colored my things. I have become a stranger to my brothers and illness. My mother's children because zeal fear house is eating me out and their approaches of those who are approach who have fallen on me. Would you repeat that last sentence and they're approaches of those who approach you have fallen on me, right?

Brazil for your house as consumed me and their approaches of those who approach you. How fallen upon me? I think this is a good time to stop. I hope. Hopefully y'all have have learned something and I look forward to presuming this next week. Let's buy our heads and pray gracious.

Lord, we are so thankful that you have done all things for us. You you are glorified in your creation in the creation of this world, and in the creation of your people. We thank you Lord that you have given us your truth and you have given us opportunity and good.

Works to walk in. We pray. Lord that you would continue this thought in our minds that our lives are about glorifying you. And we pray. Lord that you would continue with us. That you would be glorified

in our worship. These things we pray in, Christ's name, Amen.