

SOLI DEO GLORIA: "TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY"

Ephesians 1.4-12

THE GOAL OF GOD

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

-Westminster Catechism

God has a plan and a purpose, as we see in **Ephesians 1.4-12**. And His ultimate goal for man is to have us worship and glorify Him. This also necessarily means that *God's* ultimate goal is to be glorified. But isn't that self-centered?

Isaiah 48.9-11, 61.3 // Psalm 106.7, 8

The great end of God's works, which is so variously expressed in Scripture, is indeed but one; and this one is most properly and comprehensively called, "the glory of God."

- Jonathan Edwards

WHY GOD'S "SELF-CENTEREDNESS" IS GOOD

We talk about being "Christ-centered" and "Gospel-centered." Would it not then make sense for God Himself to be "God-centered?" Is there anything else you would rather Him be centered on?

When God is glorified, people are saved.

God's glory is for the good of the nations, for the good of sinners. God's passion for His own glory results in your ultimate joy and pleasure.

Romans 11.33-36

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Your aim should be to see God glorified in your own life. How is God most glorified in and through you?

God is most glorified when you are most satisfied in Him.

-John Piper

When we find our rest, hope, and comfort in what God has planned and purposed, and in who He is, we put on display for the world to see sinful, self-centered people who have been satisfied by a great and glorious King. When our joy and happiness is found in Him, God is most glorified in this world.

God has so twisted His glory and our happiness together, that as we advance the one, we promote the other.

-C.H. Spurgeon

Psalm 16.11 // Isaiah 43.6, 7

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **mid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Ephesians 1.4-12**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

At the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Jobey asked everyone to take time to write down the things that are their goals. If you didn't already, write down what things you most hope are in your future, things you aim for, are your goals, your hopes, your dreams. What are the things that drive you and motivate you? _____

Which of these things do you think have a particular power or strength over your pursuits, behavior, and overall living? Which have or can easily become an idol, and in what ways can these things become "more central" than even God? _____

What are some specific ways that making these "good" things into "god" things can have a detrimental effect on your life? _____

Does the concept of God wanting to be glorified, or that He desires our worship, sit uneasy with you? Why or why not? _____

Explain in your own words why God's "self-centeredness" is actually a good thing. _____

Read **Isaiah 48.9-11** and **61.3**. How do these verses portray the effect of God being glorified? In other words, what happens when God is shown for who He is? _____

In what ways does the cross of Christ best display God's glory? _____

Take time looking at your list you wrote, and asking God to help you put those things in proper order. Ask Him to show you how you might have those things more glorify Him as you aim to keep Him as center, and allow those things to serve your goal to glorify Him in all that you do.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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