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The Christian's Purpose In Life: Glorify God by David Robnett

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by man. You are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

We need to consider our need to glorify God. Glory or glorify means splendor, to boast, to show, celebrate, command or praise. It can show honor, dignity, praise and worship. This should be our purpose in life.

"Father, the hour has come, glorify thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee, even as thou gavest Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom thou hast given Him, He may give eternal life. I glorify thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which thou has given to me to do. Now glorify thou me together with thyself." John 17:1-5

We can glorify God in the same way Jesus did – by doing the work God intends for us to do. Our work, given by God, does not end when we say the final Amen at Sunday worship. For example, Peter encourages us to grow in our faith (2 Peter 3:18) and to mature (2 Peter 2:1-2). John instructs us to bear fruit (John 15:8) while Matthew reminds us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40). These and many other scripture teach us to study and learn God's word so we can eliminate sin from our lives.

Why do some people not glorify God? Apparently, some think they can live life on their own. They do not see the need for God in their lives. That attitude perfectly describes pride.

"Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide spoils with the proud." Proverbs 16:18-19

Not giving God glory can have dire consequences. King Herod is an example of this. He had an overabundance of pride; he took the worship and adoration that properly belonged to God.

"On a set day, Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them, and the people kept shouting, 'The voice of a god and not of a man,' then immediately, an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God and he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:21-24

Let us each determine to obey the following commands in our daily lives.

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

"For you have been bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:20

"Let the Lord be glorified." Isaiah 66:5