# **GLORY IN THE CROSS**

### HOW TO GLORY IN THE LORD

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ"

~ Galatians 6:14

<u>Glory</u> ~ *def.* n. Excellence, splendor, magnificence, apparent greatness, celebrity, praise. v. To rejoice in, to boast of, be proud of

# 1. Seeking Glory

- a. We all seek glory Gen 3:6 (excellence, pleasure, beauty, pride)
- b. God made man to know glory-Ps 8:4-6. We're made to seek, see, and enjoy it, but...
- c. We flourish only for a season Psalm 103:14-16
- d. Our glory is like fruit, not eternal Isa 28:4
- e. Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return Gen 3:19

# 2. God's Glory

- a. God's glory is forever 1 Peter 1:24-25
- b. God is the most glorious. Not glorying in God is inexcusable Rom 1:20
- c. God wants us to glory. Not recognizing God's glory is sin Rom 1:21
- d. God's glory is enjoyable, excellent, and beautiful... (1 Tim 6:17)
  - i. Changing the glory of God is reprehensible Rom 1:23, 25, 28

### 3. How to Glory

- a. Men know how to glory in self (e.g. wealth, beauty, pleasure, degrees, skill, victory)
- b. No flesh glories in his presence 1 Cor 1:29
- c. It is not waving hands in the air to music or giving God credit for your work.
- d. "I surrender all" sacrifice is our own glory 1 Sam 15:22
- e. Glory of man's religion giving God glory by our doing glorious things for him.
- f. We glory in God by rejoicing in Him and His work Jer 9:23-24, Rom 4:20

#### 4. Know God and His Work

- a. We must first know Him and His work Luke 2:20, 4:15, 13:17, 18:43
- b. The glory of God in Jesus Christ after the flesh John 1:14, 2:11, 12:23, 14:13, 17:4
- c. The glory of God now by grace, not law 2 Cor 5:16, Gal 2:21; 4:4, 5:4
- d. This gospel of grace excels in glory 2 Cor 3:9-11, 18
- e. God forbid we glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ Gal 6:14; Gal 1:4-5

## **5. Glory in the Cross**

- a. The glory of the cross is salvation, power of God, love of God 1 Cor 1:18-25
- b. We glory in our weakness, and his strength 1 Cor 1:27-31, 2 Cor 12:9
- c. The knowledge of the glory of God revealed through the cross 2 Cor 4:3-7, 14-18
- d. The mystery of Christ is the revelation of the glory of God in Christ today Col 1:27
- e. The dispensation of grace operates to the praise of his glory Eph 1:6, 9, 12,14, 18
- f. Glory in the cross God's glory in the church by Christ Jesus Eph 3:21, Rom 16:27