

How do we glorify God?

The Children's catechism gives a pointed and uncomplicated answer: **We glorify God by loving him and doing what he commands.** Mark Jones, in his book *Faith. Hope. Love. The Christ-Centered Way to Grow in Grace* opens that up a little, first by defining love as “a virtue that seeks union, satisfaction, and goodwill.” And, as the Church has always taught, Jones goes on to remind us that God has given us a guide to loving him (and also our neighbor) in the Ten Commandments. So in a nutshell, we glorify God by loving him—seeking union, goodwill and our satisfaction in him, and we love him by keeping his commandments.

How do we enjoy God?

Enjoyment of God is inseparably intertwined with love for God. As we saw, part of what it is to love God is to find satisfaction in him. That's what it means to enjoy God: to find your highest and greatest satisfaction in God himself, to delight in him above all other delights.

Consider Asaph in Psalm 73, miserable because those who have turned their back on God seem so happy, so successful. They have so many apparently desirable things, while Asaph doesn't.

And then Asaph goes into the temple, he drags himself to church, and he sees the truth. Despite the way things look now, it will not end well for those who turn their backs on God: *they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!*

But for Asaph, who has been moping about his apparent failure in the world, the present and future reality is quite different:

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth I desire besides you... God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

That's what it means to enjoy God.