

# UNTO HIM BE GLORY

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EPH 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

Introductory : The Greek reads this way, to him the glory in the church, in Christ Jesus to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen

I. The problem of giving God the glory.

1. Rom 5:12 Wherefore as by one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

2. Eccl 7:29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

3. Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

4. Ps 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

5. Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

6. Eccl 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

7. Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

8. Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

9. 1 JN 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us.

10. Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against god: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

11. Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

12. Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

## II. There is glory to God in Christ Jesus. ( OUR TEXT)

1. There is a union with Christ we are in Him and He is in us.

2. I JN 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him , and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

3. 2 COR 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

4. 1 JN 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not, but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

5. The believer can please God.

A. HEB 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him.

B. Rom 14:23 Whatsoever is not of faith sin.

C. Rom 4:18-20 (Abraham) Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. (19) And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb. (20) He staggered not at the promise of God through (unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

D. We give God glory when we stagger not at his promises.

6. Without love we cannot please God or give him glory.

A. 1 COR 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (Love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity(Love), I am nothing. (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (Love), it profited me nothing.

B. Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

C. MT 22:36-40 Master which is the great commandment in the

law? (37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and withal thy soul, and with all thy mind.

(38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. (40) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

III. John the Baptist prepared the material for the Lord's church.

1. MAL 3:1 Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come saith the Lord of hosts.

2. Isaih 40:3 the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
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Ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

3. LK 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

4. John was sent. 1 JN 1:6 There was a man sent from God, Whose name was John.

5. John preached law. MT 14:3-4 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias sake, his brother Philip's wife. (4) For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

6. John preached repentance. MT 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, (2) And saying, repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

7. John preached hell. MT 3:10 And now the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down and cast into the fire.

8. John preached Jesus. JN 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming to him, and saith, behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (Also JN 3:36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not se life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

#### IV. Jesus established his church.

##### 1. He is the head of his church.

A. EPH 1:22-23 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. (2) Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

B. COL 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

##### 2. He is the foundation.

C. LK 6: 47-49 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: (48) He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: it was founded on a rock. (49) but he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon earth, against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

##### 3. The foundation principle.

D. MT 16:13-18 And when Jesus came into coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (14) And they said, some say, thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. (15) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

##### 4. He is the corner stone.

A. Isaiah 20:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

B. 1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

V. Jesus commissioned his church.

1. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. (19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2. Three steps to the Commission.

A. Make disciples: Requires, teaching law, penalty of the law, repentance and the gospel.

B. The second step is to baptize them in the name of the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

C. The third step is to teach them all things he has commanded. There are many commandments. I can't deal with all them here but I want to say communion comes under this third step. This means saved first, baptized into the fellowship of the church second, then and only then observe communion.

VI. There is to be glory to God in the church (Text) EPH 3:20

1. Jesus is the light.

A. JN 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

B. Folks that are lost cannot see their way, but when they hear the gospel, understand and believe it, they have the truth the light.

C When folks get saved they need to join the church and let their little light shine.

2. We don't need to light a candle and put it under a bucket.

A. MT 5:15-16 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.

3. A church is the pillar and ground of the truth.

A. 1 TIM 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth