

Glorifying God

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Introduction

How do we glorify God? How do we honor and praise His Holy Name? Let us consider the example of Jesus, the apostles, and New Testament Christians in this regard. The Greek word *doxazō*, often translated “glorify,” means to render or esteem glorious, i.e., to bring honor and praise to another who is worthy of such an exalted reputation.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ brought glory to God through signs, wonders, and miracles: in healing the paralytic (Matt. 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26), in raising the widow of Nain’s son (Luke 7:11-17), in healing the woman bent double (Luke 13:10-13), in cleansing the Samaritan lepers (Luke 17:11-19), in restoring sight to the blind (Luke 18:35-43), and in various other miracles of healing (Matt. 15:29-31).

The Apostles

The apostles glorified God through their miracles (Acts 3:1-10; 4:13-22), and also through their evangelistic efforts (Acts 11:15-18; 21:17-20; Gal. 1:13-24).

Disciples

Disciples glorify God through their obedience (1 Cor. 6:18-20; 2 Cor. 9:12-15; 1 Pet. 2:11-12), through their worshipful praise (Rom. 15:7-13; Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16), and also through enduring persecution (Rom. 15:7-13; John 21:18-19; 1 Pet. 4:12-19).

Conclusion

Do you glorify God through heartfelt and scriptural worship? Are you glorifying God in your daily life? Will you glorify God in your death?