

The CHURCH for the GLORY of GOD

1. Everything God does, everything He has created, is so that His glory may be seen
- #3519 כְּבוֹד *kabowd*
= glory, honour, splendour, reverence
- #1391 δόξα *doxa*
= the correct estimate concerning one
= the quality of splendid, remarkable appearance
- the glory of God is the manifestation of the infinite beauty and greatness of His manifold perfections – John Piper
- the glory of God is the external demonstration of internal quality
- the glory of God is the shining forth of who He is – Jesus is the radiance of His glory
- the heavens are telling of His glory
 - the whole earth is full of His glory
 - He created Israel for His glory
 - He chose the church for the glory of His grace, shown most powerfully in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross
(Isa 48:9-11; Isa 43:5-7; Heb 1:1-3a; Ps 19:1; Isa 6:3; Pro 16:4; Ro 9:22-23, 11:36; Eph 1:4-8a)
2. We, the church, uniquely glorify God because
- we have seen the light of the gospel and of the knowledge of the glory of Christ
- we have experienced His grace in salvation
(2 Cor 4:3-6)

3. We, together & individually glorify God in our
- appreciation and enjoyment of Him
→ He is set highest in our thoughts & lives
 - adoration or worship of Him
→ as He has prescribed & as He deserves
 - affection and deep love for Him
→ we set our hearts on Him, our treasure
 - subjection to Him
→ we are dedicated to serve & obey Him
(Ps 92:8; 97:9; 29:2; Deut 6:5)
4. The church most powerfully glorifies God as it preaches, teaches and lives SALVATION (:6)
- GOD to the praise of the glory of His grace which He freely lavished upon us
- blessed us with all spiritual blessings
 - chose us before He created the world
 - predestined us to adoption as sons
 - made the mystery of His will known to us
- in / through JESUS CHRIST
- in Him we have
- redemption through His blood
 - forgiveness of our trespasses
 - obtained an inheritance
 - been sealed with the HOLY SPIRIT of promise
- THAT WE WOULD BE TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY**
(Eph 1:3-14; 3:20-21;)

5. The church glorifies God as it produces mature Christians → FILLED UP WITH GOD
- #4137 πληρώω *pleroo* (v)
#4138 πλήρωμα *pleroma* (n)
= a total quantity, with emphasis upon completeness
= full measure, totality
- Paul prays that the believers may be filled up to all the fullness of GOD
 - that they may comprehend and know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge
 - as the church loves God is glorified
 - the believers are equipped, taught and built up and they grow into a maturity that is the fullness of CHRIST
 - God is glorified
 - the believers are commanded to be filled with the HOLY SPIRIT
 - as they worship, give thanks and submit to each other in the body God is glorified
(Eph 3:14-19; 4:11-13; 5:18-21; Col 2:9-10)
- TO GOD BE THE GLORY
IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS
TO ALL GENERATIONS
FOREVER AND EVER
AMEN!**
(Eph 3:20-21)