



# FOUNDATIONS

---

---

---

## The Purpose for which God Created the World Part One

MARC RAGUSIN, SOURCES: TIM CHESTER, JOHN PIPER, JONATHAN EDWARDS, JAMES M. HAMILTON JR

## Our Journey

- Origins: Why did God Create Humanity?
- God's Purpose for Humanity: To Glorify God and Enjoy Him Forever
- Next week: Taking this Idea into the World

## Teleology

- “The doctrine of the design of the material world.”
- Our Enjoyment of God glorifies God, brings us joy, and fuels our discipleship



## “The Chief End of Man”

- God is for His Glory
- We’re Made to Enjoy Him
- We Glorify God When We Enjoy Him
- Enjoying God Fuels Discipleship



## Table talk:

- When is a time that you were enjoyed and what was it like?



## **The Attributes of God**

**Greatness:** Spirituality, personality, life, infinity, constancy

**Goodness:**

- Moral Purity: holiness, righteousness, justice,
- Integrity: genuineness, veracity, faithfulness
- Love: benevolence, grace, mercy, persistence

The very basis of God's love is God's Goodness

## God's Glory

- “The glory of God is the weight of the majestic goodness of who God is and the resulting name, or reputation, that he gains from revealing himself as Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer, perfect in justice and mercy, loving-kindness and truth.” – James M. Hamilton

## Christ's Prayer for Us

- <sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> **I have given them the glory that you gave me**, that they may be one as we are one — <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and **to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.** John 17:20-24





## Table talk:

- What is the difference between like and love?
- Do you like God? Is that a strange question?

## Enjoying God

- Enjoyment of God starts with the belief that God enjoys us.
- We were created out of God's love for us.
- "What it means for us to love someone is to say "I am glad you exist, what it means for God to love us is for God to say, "Because I am glad, you exist." – Josef Pieper



## Enjoying God

- We are happiest when we find our joy in God.
- Table talk: Look at the list of God's attributes and jot some notes on why that makes you enjoy him. Share with the table after.

## **The Attributes of God**

**Greatness:** Spirituality, personality, life, infinity, constancy

**Goodness:**

- Moral Purity: holiness, righteousness, justice,
- Integrity: genuineness, veracity, faithfulness
- Love: benevolence, grace, mercy, persistence

The very basis of God's love is God's Goodness



## Glorifying God

- To Enjoy God is to give him honor
- To Enjoy God is to believe he is who he says he is





## Discipleship Fuel

- Enjoying God helps:
  - Fight Temptation
  - Endure suffering
  - Energize our service
  - Witness
  - Sacrifice



## Table talk

- How is God's glory good for us?
- How is God's glory displayed in the world?
- How have you seen it in your life?
- How can you be on the look out for it this week?
- Thinking about next week, what are some potential objections to this view of the world?
- Which member of the Trinity do you most enjoy? Why?
- Which member do you least connect with? How can you seek to grow in your enjoyment of them?

# FOUNDATIONS

A series of five horizontal lines of varying lengths, stacked vertically and slightly offset to the right, creating a staircase-like effect.

NEXT WEEK: TAKING THIS IDEA INTO THE WORLD