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ALONE! God's Glory Alone! 1 Corinthians 10:31

Each of these are unique in their implication, yet universal in their application.

For example, Scripture is EXCLUSIVE from every other writing in that it is ALIVE!

Biblical Grace is EXCLUSIVE in its Scriptural explanation as God's ONLY PATH to Salvation...

Pic 2 – God's Glory Alone



We are going to continue our series, "ALONE!" with the FOURTH of these essential items...

→ God's Glory Alone! ←

ONE THING

The glory of God is the <u>RADIANCE</u> of His holiness, greatness, beauty and joy made <u>MANIFEST</u>

- > His Holiness is His UNIQUE OTHERNESS
- > His Greatness is His SUPREME GOVERNANCE
- > His Beauty is His EXQUISITE GRANDEUR
- > His Joy is His <u>OVERFLOWING ABUNDANCE</u>

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) — So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1. Our <u>RECOGNITION</u> of God's glory!

Psalm 19:1 (ESV) — The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV) — For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Universe is very, very big:

- Earth is one planet amongst nine in the solar system, revolving around a star (we call it the Sun).
- This star is one of 200 million in a galaxy 100,000 light years across.
- Our galaxy is one of 100's of millions that exist in the cosmos.

• The nearest, Andromeda, is 2 million light years away.

To some, the vastness of the universe dispels God and the significance of man...

However, the Bible teaches just the opposite!

The Vastness of the Universe does not dispel God, but displays His glory and the significance of humanity!

Genesis 1:14 (ESV) — And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

1. Our <u>RECOGNITION</u> of God's glory!

2. Our <u>REDEMPTION</u> in God's glory!

Have you ever actually considered the amazement of childbirth?

At conception, the DNA is already set...

The sex of the baby has already been determined...

- A primitive face will take form with large dark circles for eyes.
- The mouth, lower jaw and throat are developing.
- Blood cells are taking shape, and circulation will begin.
- The tiny "heart" tube will beat 65 times a minute by the end of the fourth week.
- By the end of the first month, your baby is about 1/4 inch long smaller than a grain of rice.

Month 2

- The baby's facial features continue to develop. Each ear begins as a little fold of skin at the side of the head.
- Tiny buds that eventually grow into arms and legs are forming. Fingers, toes and eyes are also forming.
- The neural tube (brain, spinal cord and other neural tissue of the central nervous system) is well formed now.
- The digestive tract and sensory organs begin to develop too. Bone starts to replace cartilage.
- The baby is about 1 inch long and weighs about 1/30 of an ounce.

Month 3

- By the end of the third month, your baby is fully formed.
- All the organs and limbs (extremities) are present and will continue to develop in order to become functional.
- The baby's circulatory and urinary systems are also working and the liver produces bile.

And that is just the First Trimester!

By the end of the Second Trimester...

Month 1

- The baby has continued to mature and develop reserves of body fat.
- At this point, the baby's hearing is fully developed.
- The baby changes position frequently and responds to stimuli, including sound, pain and light.

By the end of the Third Trimester...

• The Baby is ready to meet the world...

2,000 years ago in the town of Bethlehem, a young woman named Mary gave birth to the Son of God...

Luke 2:7 (ESV) — And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

At that time, a whole host of angels flooded from heaven and sang out the chorus...

Luke 2:14 (ESV) — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

At the Birth of Jesus...

John 1:14 (ESV) — And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

He was clothed in flesh for the purpose of our redemption!

Galatians 4:4–5 (ESV) — But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Jesus' death on the Cross and subsequent resurrection was all for God's glory!

John 13:31–32 (ESV) — ... Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

1. Our <u>RECOGNITION</u> of God's glory!

2. Our <u>REDEMPTION</u> in God's glory!

3. Our <u>REFLECTION</u> of God's glory!

Isaiah 6:3 (ESV) — And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

1 Corinthians 6:19b–20 (ESV) — You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

2 Corinthians 4:15 (ESV) — For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV) — For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

Psalm 115:1 (NLT) — Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.

 \rightarrow Put the following on a black screen with white letters following the song to close the service!

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 (ESV)

Soli Deo Gloria

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The glory of God is the _____ of His holiness,

- greatness, beauty, and joy made _____
 - His Holiness is His _____
 - His Greatness is His _____
 - His Beauty is His _____
 - His Joy is His _____
- 1. Our ______ of God's glory!

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2. Our _____ in God's glory!

3. Our ______ of God's glory!