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To God Be the Glory

Philippians 4:20



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- Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

We read these closing sentences from NT epistles called doxologies but do we really contemplate what they communicate?

Let's read a few more.



Ephesians 3:20-21

- Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



1 Timothy 1:17

- Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Jude 25

- To the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty, dominion
and power, both now and ever.
Amen.



**Do you know
why they are
called
doxologies?**



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unto God

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*καί
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Father

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*πατήρ
patēr*

be glory

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Glory
Glorious
Honor
Praise
Dignity
Worship



Glory Defined



- **1a: praise, honor, or distinction extended by common consent:**

renown

- **a state of being widely acclaimed and highly honored**

Merriam-Webster

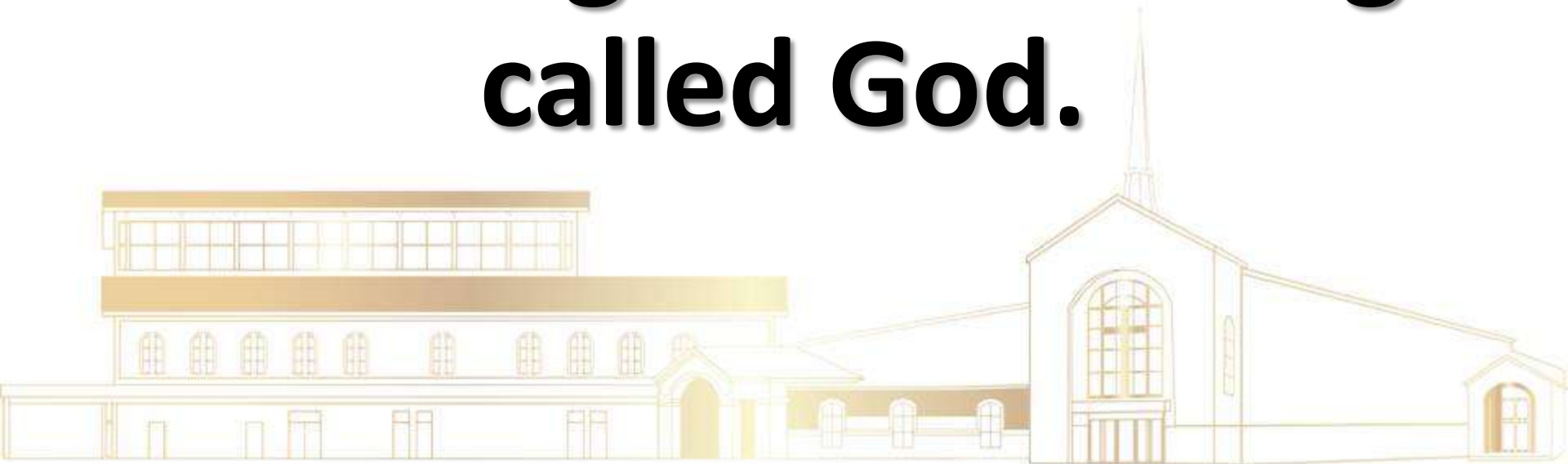
**This message is
preached with
certain
presumptions.**



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#1

**There is one supreme
Sovereign Divine Being
called God.**



Genesis 1:1

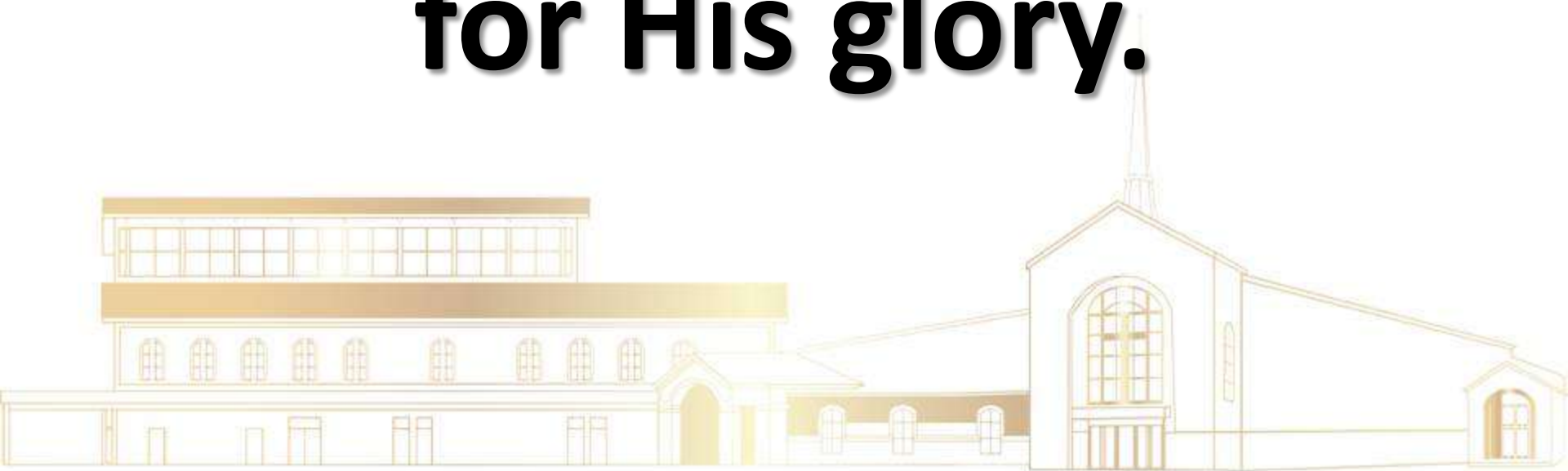
- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.



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#2

**God created humans
for His glory.**



Isaiah 43:6-7

- I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,⁷ everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory,** whom I formed and made.”



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#3

**God's pursuit of His
own glory is a good
thing.**



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#3A

**And it is an especially
good thing for God's
people.**



**Consider with me
God's glory in the
rescue of God's
people from
Pharaoh.**



Exodus 14:4

- And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, **and I will get glory over Pharaoh** and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.



But you say,

**“But what about the
Egyptians who died in
God’s manifestation of
His glory over
Pharaoh?”**



**I want to give you two
Scriptures:**

Exodus 12:38

John 6:37



Exodus 12:28

- And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

“A huge ethnically diverse group”

Douglas K. Stuart



John 6:37

- All that the Father gives me will come to me, **and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.**



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Turn Over To

Ephesians 1:3-14



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ



¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be **to the praise of his glory.** ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory.**



Notice

- God's redemption of humans from sin is ALL about the demonstration and the magnification of His glory.



This begs the question:
Would there be a
“plan of salvation”
were it not for God’s
pursuit of His own glory?



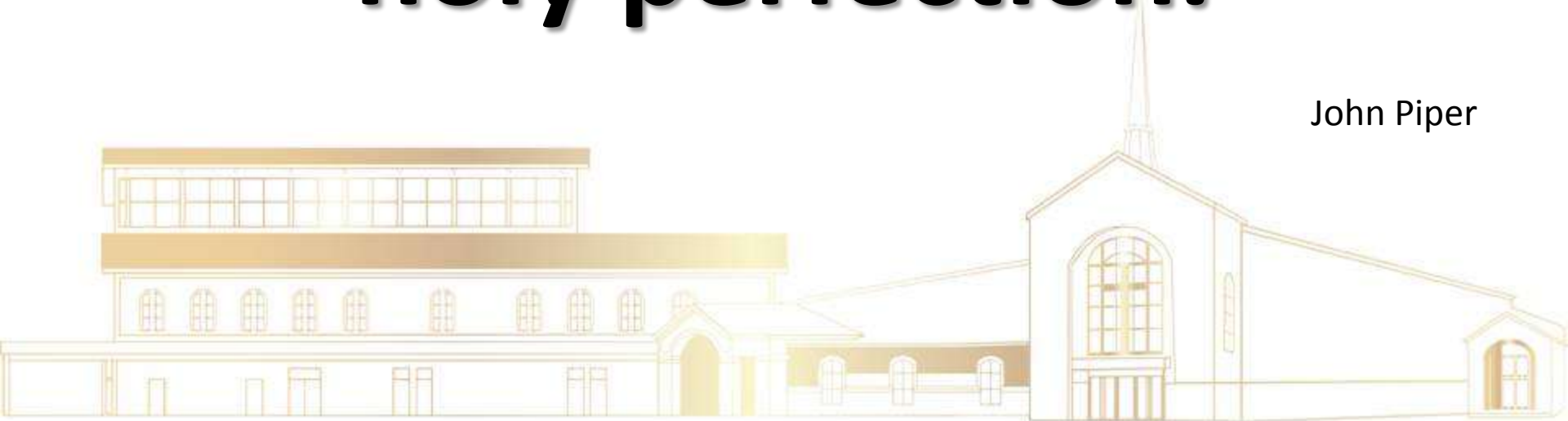
**What is
God's glory?**



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**God's glory is the
manifestation of God's
holy perfection.**

John Piper



Romans 15:6-7



- **that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

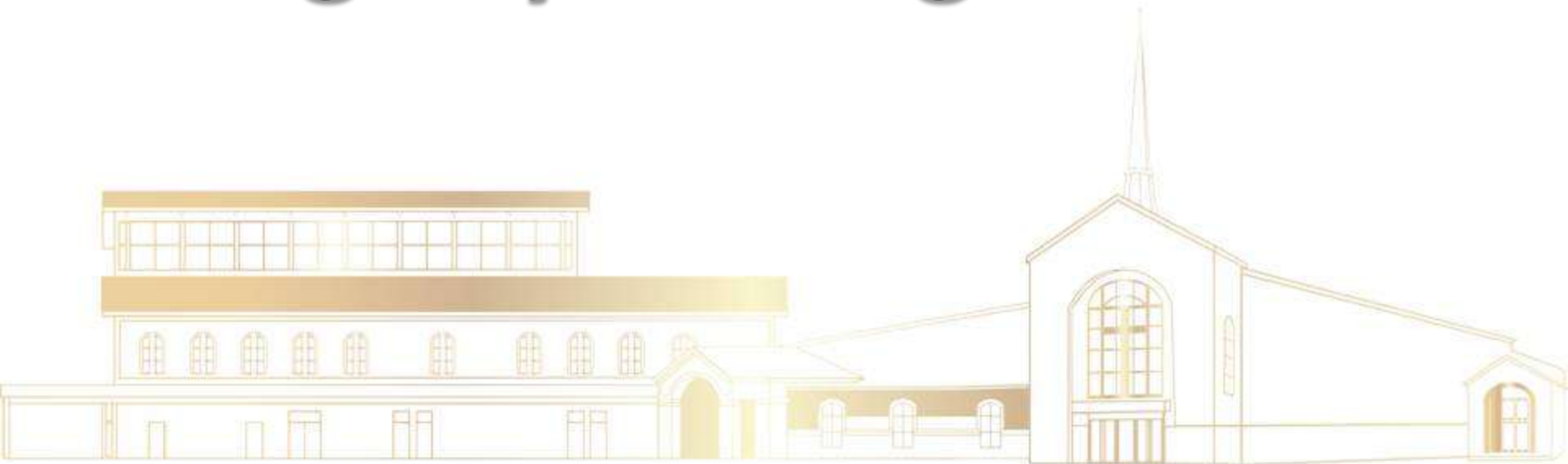
Romans 15:8-9



- **and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”¹⁰ And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”**

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**Giving God ALL the
glory is a big deal.**



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Turn Over to

Luke 17:11–19



¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ So when He saw *them*, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? ¹⁸ **Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”** ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”



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**Would you be the one
who returned to give
God the glory?**



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Turn Over to

John 11:1-4

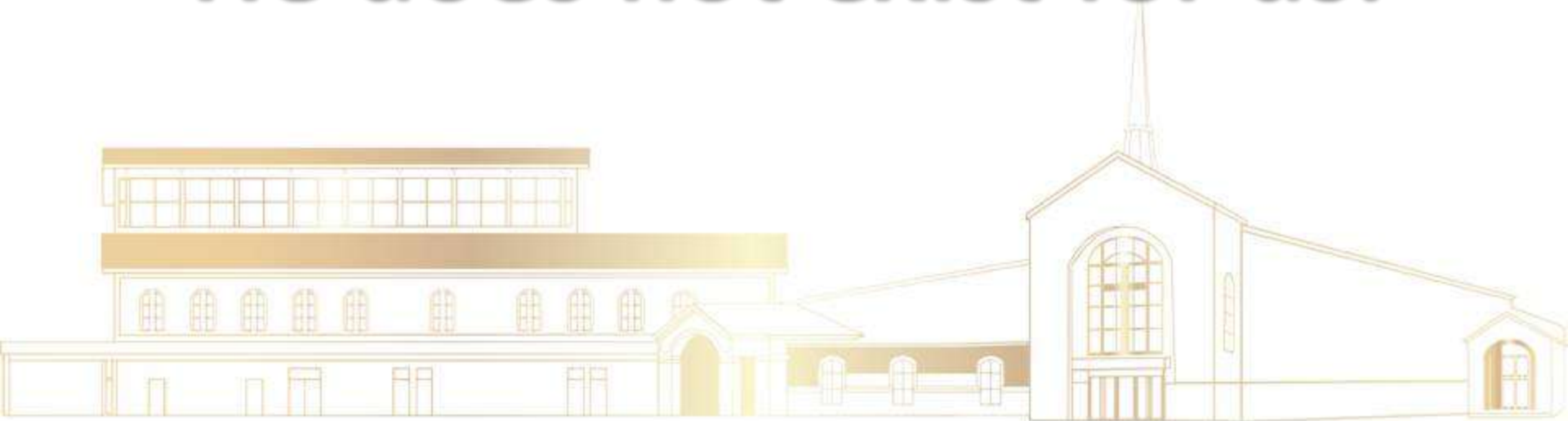


Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”



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Here is the Biblical fact:
We exist for His glory;
He does not exist for us.



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Turn Over to Acts 12:20-23



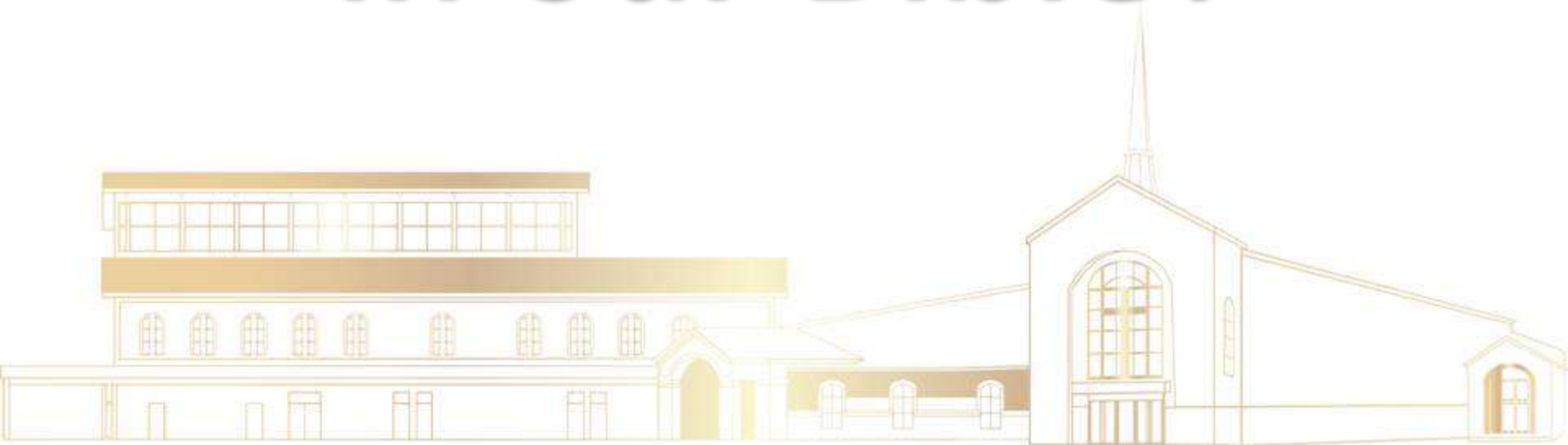
²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food.

²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²² And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³ Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.



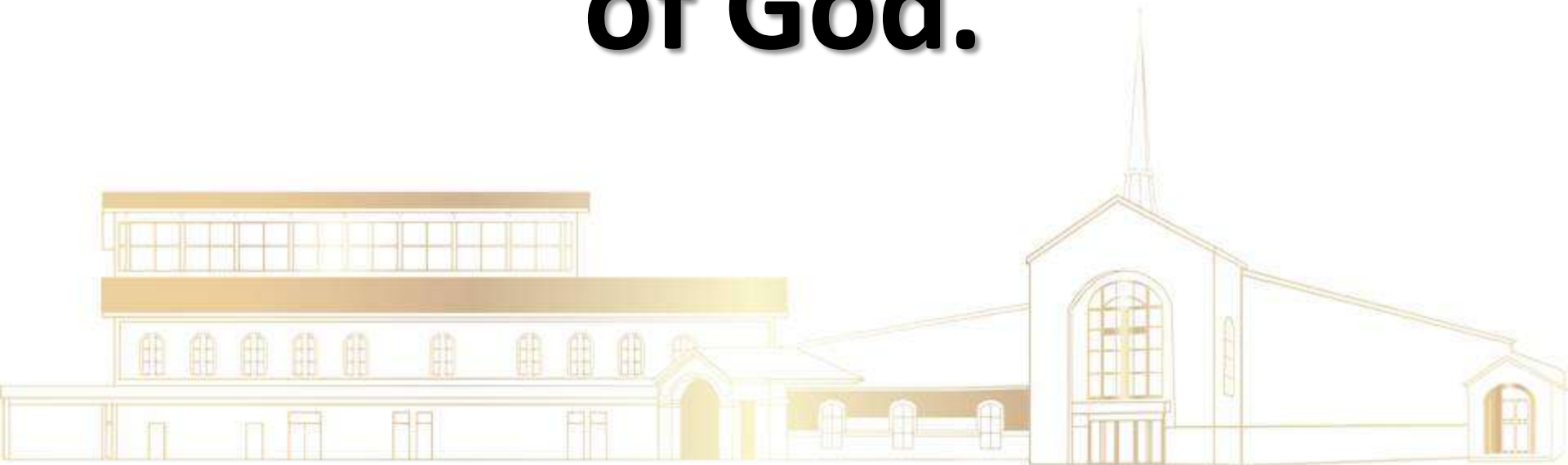
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Why is this story in our Bible?



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Our goal must be to **do
everything to the glory
of God.**



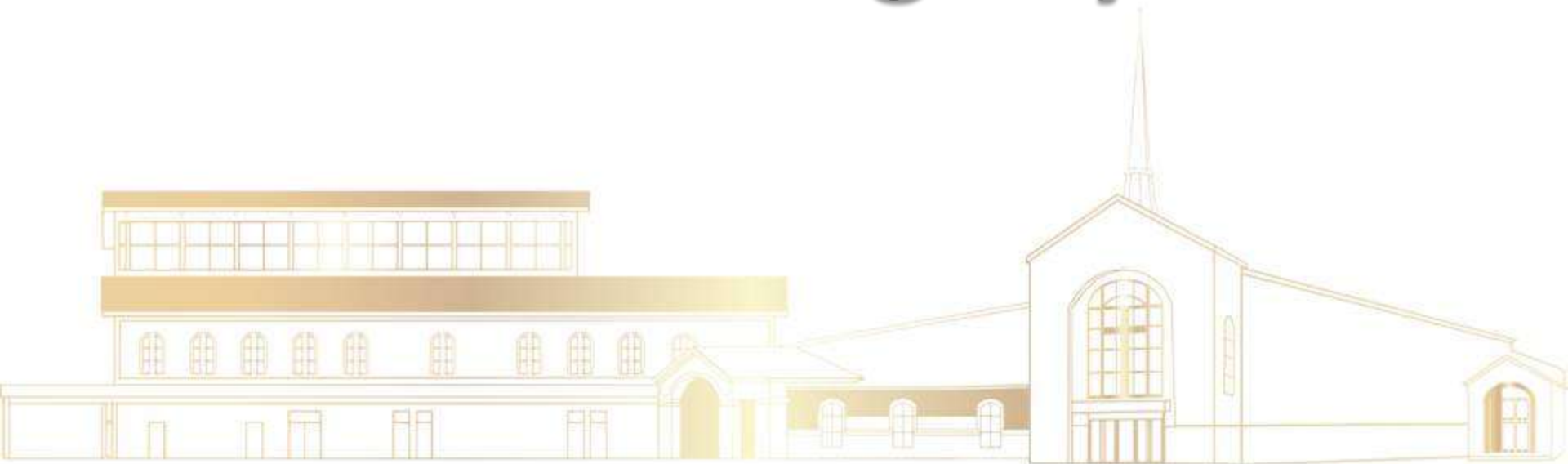
1 Corinthians 10:31

- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.



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**In heaven, we will give
God the glory.**



Revelation 19:1

- After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, **“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,**

This is not just here—throughout the entire book everyone is giving God the glory.



**How do we
glorify God?**



#1



**We can glorify God
with our minds—our
thinking can glorify
God.**



Thinking that rightfully acknowledges God in all His Perfections is glorifying to God.

Thinking that expresses trust and reliance upon God glorifies God.

Thinking that enjoys the creation that God created for His glory glorifies God.

Thinking that magnifies God glorifies God.



#2



**We can glorify God
with our mouths in
speech and song.**



Expressing God praise, honor, and distinction to God and about God glorifies God.

Legitimate worship in song glorifies God.

Communicating gratitude can glorify God. Christians should be—no, they must be—characterized as the most thankful people on the planet as recipients of God's grace.



#3



**We can glorify
God with our
hands.**



Using our hands in a way that creates or maintains or enhances can glorify God.

A roofer can glorify God in the manner in which shingles are installed with objective of doing it with excellence.

A nurse can glorify God in the way he or she cares for a sick person.

Hospitality can glorify God if the objective of being hospitable is to reflect God's love for us and our love for others.

A cabinet maker can glorify God with the precision of installation.

A janitor can glorify God with the work he or she does if it is done with excellence and an excellent attitude.





**Are you playing
volleyball to
the glory of
God?**



How do you know when you are NO longer playing v-ball to the glory of God? You know when

- 1. V-ball is on the verge of becoming the most important thing in your life.**
- 2. You are not consistently striving to manifest the fruit of the Sprit on and off the court?**
- 3. Relationships with other players is suffering because of v-ball.**
- 4. You are arguing with coaches and/or referees on and off the court.**
- 5. You are cussing in your mind or openly.**
- 6. Lose your temper over mistakes.**
- 7. When you are taking the game too seriously.**





How can a Christian play a 1st person shooter video game to the glory of God?





How does a Christian focus on a notional city when his own city is going to hell? How do you love your neighbor in a notional world?



#4



**We can glorify God
with our feet in the
places we go.**



Where we go and don't go matters as Christians.

For example, I am not going somewhere if the establishments primary purpose is to serve alcohol or promote unholy behavior.

If purpose of this party is to get freshman girls drunk so their inhibitions will be reduced a Christian must not attend.

Ask yourself:

How can I glorify God at this _____?



How can a Christians attend an event, visit a place, or participate in something that promotes racial division?

- A KKK rally promotes racial division.
- An all white or all black church promotes racial division.
- Freemasonry promotes racial division
- What about your college fraternity or sorority?



Racial reconciliation glorifies God because it reflects so many Godly things:

#1 All humans are made in the image of God w/o regard to skin color.

#2 Christ died to redeem all ethnicities—Christ died for the world.

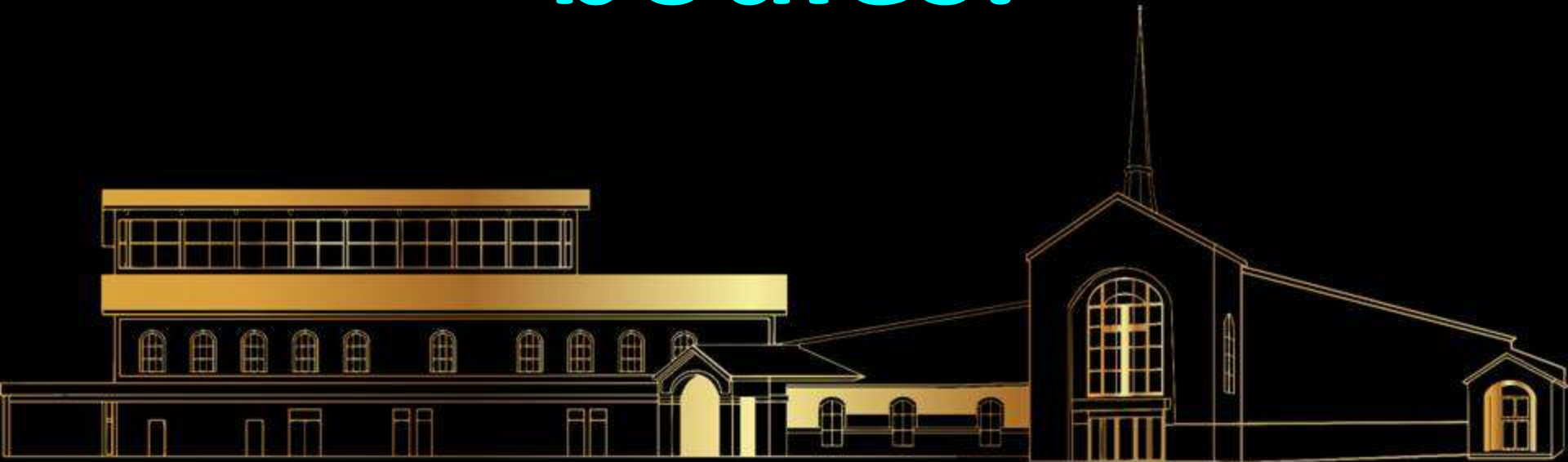
#3 The neighbor I am to love as myself cannot be qualified or limited by a skin color.



#5



**We can glorify our
God with our entire
bodies.**





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Obsessed By
Something, The Better
Chance You Have Of
Achieving It.

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Fitness can be very God glorifying or NOT.





This activity can be very God-glorifying.





This does NOT glorify God. But this might...





Falling to sleep while reading an edifying book may be the most God glorifying thing a person can do on a given day.



Matthew 5:16

- In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they **may see your good works** and **give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

