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<sup>11</sup> "Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

When we become Christ followers, our view of life should change. No longer are we the center of our world; instead, Christ is (Galatians 2:20).

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<sup>20</sup> "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

It's essential that we switch our thinking to a Christian worldview because what we believe dictates how we behave. Many of us have a "patchwork quilt" type of perspective, where we have taken some truths from Scripture, some from our upbringing, and some from our culture to determine what we believe. We often don't even realize we have done this.

As believers, we are to search Scripture to find answers for all of life's questions, such as: Where did I come from? (see Genesis 1.); What happens when I die? (John 14:1-4); How do I explain human behavior? (Rom. 3:9-18); How can I determine right from wrong? (2 Tim. 3:16); and What is the purpose of man? (Isa. 43:7). If we have biblical answers—a Christian worldview—we will think and behave in ways that glorify God.

The most vital question is, *What is important to God?* From the Bible, we learn that all of nature declares the glory of God (<a href="Psalm 19:1">Psalm 19:1</a>), the chief aim of man is to glorify the Lord, and Jesus' mission on earth revealed God's glory. So, we know that what matters to God is His glory.

**Psalm 19:1 (NASB)** 

<sup>1</sup> "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands."

Does this surprise you? We often fall into thinking that the world revolves around us and the Lord's work has to do with our needs, wants, and pleasures. But the truth is that life is all about God and glorifying Him. Let us humbly bow before Him, change our thinking, and join Him in the pursuit of His glory.