

Giving God Glory

Romans 15:5-11

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⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,

⁶ so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

⁸ For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises *given* to the fathers,

⁹ and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, **“THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME.”**

¹⁰ Again he says, **“REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE.”**

¹¹ And again, **“PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM.”**

Jesus' request as He looked to the cross was that He might glorify His Father. (See [John 17:1](#).)

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¹ **“Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You.”**

That is to be the desire of our hearts as well. From the moment, we wake up each morning, and then as the day unfolds and as news of tragedy or success reaches us, our request is to be, **“Father, glorify Yourself.”** In the simplest tasks as well as in the hardest ones, a Christian's longing should be to reflect the Lord to others.

When we pray for His glorification, we're saying, **“God, do whatever will bring You the greatest honor and make You known to the world.”** It means that we are also surrendering what we want the outcome to be. God in His sovereignty will choose what will bring honor to His name. And whatever happens, we are to believe He has done just that.

It will come as no surprise to hear me say we live in a world that doesn't always give God the honor due His name: There will always be some who reject the Son of God and refuse to believe in Him. But our desire should be the same as our Father's—for people everywhere to know the perfection of His character, which never changes.

God calls us to praise His name and reveal Him. We honor the Lord as we worship in our churches, as we testify to His work in our lives, and as we proclaim the truth of His holy Word in our communities.

By our attitudes, actions, and words, we have the privilege of revealing our loving Father to a world that desperately needs Him. Let us join together, united in love, to give Him the glory.