

WfM Bible Study 2010-11

Living for God's Glory

"You have been bought with a price.... therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Cor 6 v 20)

Our constant desire should be to live for the glory of God. Glorifying God simply means that we are to demonstrate God's glory through our lives. We can't live perfect lives, but we can live to show others what the love, justice, honesty, kindness and grace of God are like in real life. How do we live? Are our actions and attitudes at home, work, in church or wherever we are glorifying to God? The Shorter Catechism in its very first answer states this truth that our chief end is to glorify God. When we understand that we are to live to bring glory to God, the thought that we are to be God's representatives to our world is a life-long challenge.

Read Ephesians 4 v 1-6, 11-32.

1. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter? v1
2. What did he urge the believers to do? v1
3. What sort of attitude were they to demonstrate in their lives? v2
4. Paul saw the unity of the church as an important element in displaying God's glory v3. In practical terms, what does he mean "to make every effort"?
5. What was the purpose of God in giving us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers? v12
6. In practical terms what do you think are the works of service mentioned in v 12?
7. What does God have in mind for these works of service to achieve? v 13
8. Christian growth is essential if we are to live for God's glory. In what areas are we to grow? vv 14-16.

9. Paul describes the change that has occurred in the believers lives. vv. 17-24. How are they to live now? vv. 23-24

10. List the things that need to be avoided or discarded as they will have a negative influence on our Christian lives. vv 25-32.

List what these should be replaced by.

Take one of these this week and ask God to help you change in this area of your life.

11. What should our attitude be to each other remembering the amazing truth that, despite all our sins Christ forgave us? v 32

Pray that God gives you the opportunity to glorify Him in at least one situation today.

For further study:

Reflecting the Glory of God: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:29

Praising Him: Psalm 50:23, Psalms 34:3

Bearing fruit: John 15 V 8,

Suffering: John 21:19, 1 Peter 4:14-16

Works: 1 Peter 4:11, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Causing others to glorify God: Matthew 5:16, 1 Peter 2:12,

Response to healing: Luke 17:15, Luke 18:43,