

CrossRoads Baptist Church
January 13, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Ephesians 3: 20-21
Core Values #2

“The Glory of God in the Church”

There are over 400 references to “glory” or some form of it in the Bible. The Bible is full of references to His glory but Heaven is full of His manifestation of His glory.

To be a Biblical church, we must be consumed with the glory of God. Let me make three statements about His glory and then bring application to it in point three.

I. His Glory Disclosed

His glory is never discovered, but disclosed by His pleasure.

The glory of God is majestic, awesome, heaviness, thickness, penetrating, a bright and blinding light, His character, His faithfulness.

But His glory is veiled in the person of Christ and in us.

Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.”

Psalm 8:1 “You have set Your glory above the Heavens.”

Isaiah 6:3 “And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory.”

We see His glory:

Deut 5:24 “And you said, Surely the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire.”

Acts 7:55 Stephen – “Be he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”

John 1: 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

II. His Glory Declared

We are to declare his glory and this is our motivation for missions, not the lostness of mankind.

I Chron 16:24 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

Psalm 96: 3 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among the people.

We are to make known His glory.

Psalm 145: 12 “To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.”

III. His Glory Demonstrated

We are to reflect His glory. We can no more bring Him glory than we can bring light to the sun. But instead, we are to reflect His glory like the moon.

And the darker the night, the more the moon shines. So it is with us. The darker the world, the more glorious the church should shine.

II Corinthians 3: 7 – 18. Especially verse 18 – we are to be changed from “glory to glory.”

Our only glory is in Christ.

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

How do we do it?

- A. In our Worship
- B. In our Walk in how we relate to others, character
- C. In our Work

Ephesians 3: 20-21 to Him be glory in the church