

### GIVE GLORY TO GOD:

#### Let Jesus Save Your Soul

God is glorified when we believe His word in faith and receive the gift of salvation He purchased for us with His own blood.

#### KEY POINTS

- ▶ “Glorifying God” in corporate worship usually involves praying, singing songs, clapping or raising our hands and testifying of His goodness.
- ▶ But the chief way in which we glorify God is by trusting Him for our soul’s salvation.
- ▶ Humanity has a serious problem, outlined in Romans 3: As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup>There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup>They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” <sup>13</sup>“Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps is under their lips”; <sup>14</sup>“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.” <sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup>Destruction and misery are in their ways; <sup>17</sup>And the way of peace they have not known.” <sup>18</sup>“There is no fear of God before their eyes” (vv. 10-18, NKJV).
- ▶ Romans 1:28-32 declares that people who live lifestyles similar to those mentioned above, deserve death.
- ▶ In I Corinthians 6:9-10 the apostle Paul repeats the same concepts But in verse 11 he identifies another reality: “<sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”
- ▶ Romans 3:21-28 introduces the teaching that Jesus is our justifier – the One who gives us right standing with God by faith despite our sinful failures.
- ▶ Somewhere deep in the core of God’s character is an unfathomable desire to demonstrate His love, mercy and grace toward us, His sinful children.
- ▶ His love for us is boundless! His kindness, His compassion and His forgiveness cannot be measured. His decision to save and redeem us from the penalty of our sins was made long before the first atom in our universe was spoken into existence.
- ▶ Paul explains this in detail in Ephesians 1:3-14, which includes the following:
 

<sup>4</sup>...He [God] chose us in Him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...<sup>7</sup>In Him [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...
- ▶ So, what should our response be? Here is what Peter said to his audience in Jerusalem:

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** Romans 3:10-18, 1:28-32, 3:21-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 1:3-14; Hebrews 2:9; Acts 3:19-20,26, 26:14-18; Galatians 1:22-24

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you .... <sup>26</sup>To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities” (Acts 3:19-20,26 NKJV).

- ▶ As Peter instructed his audience, we appeal to you today: repent and be converted!
- ▶ As explained on the back of this bulletin, repentance is “a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God. (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26).”
- ▶ The Apostle Paul (originally the persecutor Saul) is a prime example of God’s desire to deliver us from evil and into salvation.
- ▶ Saul’s conversion was dramatic (see Acts 26:14-18 for his personal testimony). It was divinely orchestrated and totally unexpected.
- ▶ Paul describes the impact of his conversion upon the people of his day in this way: “<sup>23</sup>But they were hearing only, ‘He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.’ <sup>24</sup>And they glorified God in me” (Galatians 1:23-24).
- ▶ Give glory to God. Let Jesus save your soul!

#### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. What is your testimony? (*What was your condition before you came in contact with Jesus? What caused you to give glory to God by allowing Him to save your soul?*)
2. Read through Ephesians 1:3-14. What does this passage tell us about God’s involvement in our salvation?
3. In a church setting, how do we normally respond to the invitation to glorify God? How do these responses give Him glory? How does your conversion glorify God?







#### Prayer Time

“You knew me, yet you loved me....” Thank you, Lord, for this love and for dying to save my soul.

### WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

#### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

-  (Reminds me/Confirms)
-  (New idea)
-  (Think about)
-  (Do this)
-  (Speaks to my heart)
-  (Must share)

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#### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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L.G. Ice-Breaker: What is the most memorable act of self-sacrifice (not from the Bible) you have ever been involved in, witnessed, or heard about?