

Psa. 19:1 the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

- 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- <u>3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.</u>
- 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
- 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

This year our theme is...

Glorify the Creator

In order to glorify our Creator, we must first know what "glorify" means:

glorify

verb (used with object), glorified, glorifying.

- 1. To cause to be or treat as being more splendid, excellent, etc., than would normally be considered.
- 2. To honor with praise, admiration, or worship; extol.
- 3. To make glorious; invest with glory.
- 4. To praise the glory of (God), especially as an act of worship.

http://www.dictionary.com/browse/glorify?s=t

Glorify the Creator – He is Worthy

Rev. 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

I. WE SHOULD GLORIFY THE CREATOR BECAUSE OF THE PAST

Rev. 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- A. The Obvious Praise "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power..."
- B. The Oblivious Purpose "...for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."
- In eternity, all will acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator!

Rev. 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

II. WE SHOULD GLORIFY THE CREATOR BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT

A. The Pain of the Redeemer - "...for thou wast slain..."

Isa. 52:14 As many were astonied at thee; his visage was a many man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Isa. 50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Mt. 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, the put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

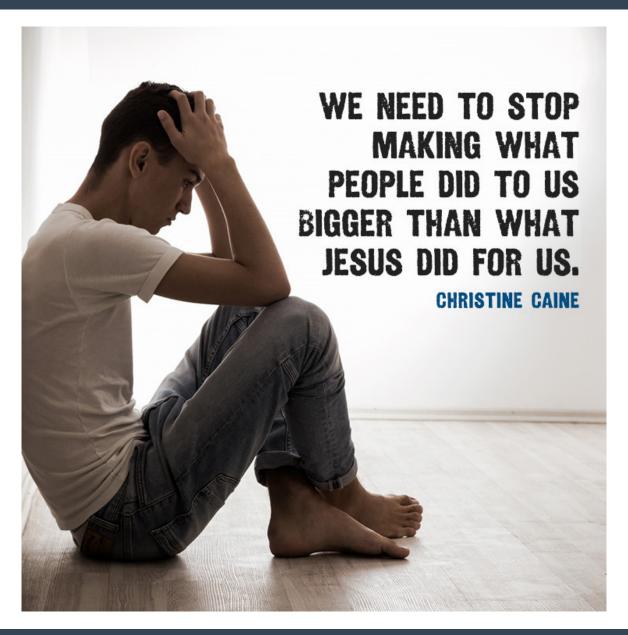
31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

- <u>Isa. 53:4</u> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried was yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- <u>5</u> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- Christians, at the throne of Christ in eternity, will acknowledge that HE IS WORTHY to receive honor and praise because of what He did for us on the cross – "...thou wast slain..."
- 2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
- 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

 A believer's life is affected by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ!

1 Jn. 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

- If a believer focuses upon Christ, instead of self-pity, then we begin to live victoriously!
- Too many professing Christians have forgotten the blessings of God and instead focus upon some trivial incident that robs them of joy.



http://sermonquotes.com/jesus-3/13632-we-need-to-stop-making-what-people-did-to-us-bigger-than-what-jesus-did-for-us-christine-caine.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=popquote&utm_campaign=sundaynewsletterDecember%209th,%202017&maropost_id=713036153

 Some pains and heartaches are genuine agony, but what are those compared to Calvary?

Rom. 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- Believers need to be reminded that WE ARE REDEEMED!
 - B. The Plan of Redemption "...and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood..."
- 1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

 In eternity, we will clearly understand how precious redemption is.

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Col. 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Rom. 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom. 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

The blood of Christ paid for our redemption.

Eph. 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

- Our residence in eternity is a testimony of the exceeding riches of His grace!
- 2 Pet. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,
- The Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of our praise because He redeemed us!
 - C. The Power of Redemption "...out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"
- The provision of redemption is available to all people.
- 2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

 Anyone who dies and goes to hell does so in spite of all that Christ did on the cross.

Rom. 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

- Only believers will honor and praise Christ in eternity for what He did for us on Calvary.
- If you are redeemed, do you not want to live for Christ, today?

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

WHY?

The reason for our existence is included in Rev. 4:11 –
 "...for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

- 2 Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
- 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
- 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Conclusion

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.