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ILLUS: A certain town received word that their king was going to pay them a visit. The townspeople had never seen their monarch in person. Great preparations were made to make the town as beautiful and clean as possible before the king's arrival. On the night before the king was expected, a poor traveler approached the town and began asking for lodging. Everyone shunned him---he was dirty and ragged. . . and what if the king should see someone like that at their home? The weary traveler was ready to pass on through the town and leave, when a humble miller spoke up and offered to open his home to the man. He gave him dinner and a bed to sleep in.

The next day, the king's royal carriage approached the town with great fanfare. The people lined the sparkling-clean streets in their fanciest attire. Imagine their shock when the door of the king's carriage opened and who should descend but the poor traveler from the night before---now dressed in the royal robes and with a glittering crown on his head! The king walked right up to the poor miller, took his hand and said, "When I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me a drink; when I was tired, you gave me a bed. You have truly given your king the honor I deserved." The king then led the miller through the surprised crowd, into his carriage, and brought him to the palace to live for the rest of his days.

Note the humility of Christ as evident by the following changes He underwent in becoming man:

a. A change in His <u>dwelling-place</u>
(from the presence of the Father to the presence of men - Jn. 6:51)

b. A change in His <u>possessions</u>
(from riches to poverty - Luke 8:59; II Cor. 8:9)

c. A change in His <u>reputation</u> among men
(from glory to obscurity - Jn. 17:5; Phil. 2:6, 7)

d. A change in His <u>position</u>
(from equality with God [in authority] to servanthood - Mt. 20:26-28; Phil. 2:6, 7)

e. A change in His <u>form</u> (bodily appearance)
(from the form of God to the likeness of men - Phil. 2:6-8)

Note concerning these changes:

a. All the changes were temporary

1) Jesus returned to His dwelling-place with the Father (Jn. 17:11).

2) Jesus reclaimed His riches with the Father (Jn. 16:10; Rev.5:12)

3) Jesus has been exalted to a place of glory among spiritually-minded men (Jn. 17:5), and will soon be honored by all men (Phil. 2:9, 10; Rev. 5:12)

4) Jesus is again occupying the place of rulership (authority) over all creation (Col. 1:15 - "the first born of all creation"; Mt. 28:19)

5) Jesus will appear in a glorified human form throughout eternity (Acts 7:54, 55; Rev. 1:17, 18; 5:6; 22:16)

v. 1

In John 17, Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving the world to go to the Father. Having spoken to the disciples about the Father, Jesus now (in Jn. 17) speaks to the Father on behalf of the disciples.

This chapter is called "the High-Priestly" prayer of Jesus, in which He intercedes for His disciples and for those who would soon believe on Him through the disciples' preaching.

John 17:20
Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

But before Jesus speaks tot he Father about His disciples, He speaks about His own glorification by and along with God the Father.

The key word in verses 1 – 5 is the word "glorify" (five times – v. 1, 4, 5).

The word "glorify" (*doxazo* from *doxa*) means to produce "a high opinion" about. To glorify someone is to ascribe honor to him, to cause people to acknowledge the greatness of someone; to magnify, extol, lift up, and to make shine.

We glorify God when we, through our life and testimony cause others to have a high opinion of God. His being, attributes and actions are held in high esteem when He is glorified. When we make others know how important God is, we are glorifying Him.

Glorifying God is the ultimate purpose for man's existence (or for the existence of any created thing, for that matter).

1 Cor. 10:31
Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

"The glory of God" - We ought to do everything so that God would shine; that He would be magnified; that His principles, precepts, and program would be credited, praised, and honored.

What does it mean to glorify God?
Does He shine (in the minds of men) as a result of my attitudes or actions.

What is so often man's guiding (motivating) factor?
--What will bring me the most pleasure, in the quickest way possible, for the longest duration.

The sole purpose for man's existence is to glorify God.
"To know God and to glorify Him forever"

You were created to glorify God.
You were saved to glorify God.

The degree to which we glorify God reflects the degree to which we fulfill God's purpose for our lives.

[NOTE: If the greatest thing we can do is glorify God, then the greatest sin is to steal His glory for ourselves]

Note: Acts 12:20-24-Acts 12:20-24
And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country. [21] And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. [22] And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. [23] And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. [24] But the word of God grew and multiplied.

NOTE: V. 23 - "He gave not God the glory."

The word "glory" refers to the radiance or brilliance that shines from the one who has it. In secular Greek, it referred to high reputation, praise, fame, honor, and power (DNTT, p. 44).

Herod, by not giving God the glory, stole it for himself.

Even as Christians, we may be tempted at times to steal glory that belongs to God, but this does not mean that we must give in.

EX: Peter, when bowed down to and worshipped by Cornelius, said, "Stand up; I myself also am a man."

EX: Paul, after surviving a venomous snake bite, was called "a god" by the barbarians of Malta, yet he did not accept any such notion (Acts 28:6).

EX: In Acts 14, after healing a crippled man at Lystra, the people cried out "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men" (v. 11). They prepared to sacrifice. Note Paul's response: Acts 14: 14-15 - "Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein."

God says: "I am the LORD (YAHWEH - the eternal "I AM"): that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another" (Is. 42:8; cp. Ex. 3:15; Ps. 83:18).

"I will not give my glory unto another" (Is. 48:11).

Satan fell because he sought the glory that only belonged to God (READ Is. 14:9-15).

He still tries to offer worldly glory (Mt. 4:8).

God, however, says that we are not to seek glory from men (Mt. 6:2; I Thes. 2:6).
"Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory" - Phil. 2:3.
"Let us not be desirous of vain glory" (Gal. 5:26).
God commands us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think (Ro. 12:3).

Never forget your place under God! We are mortal, He is immortal; we are sinners (saved by grace), He is the Savior!

"Blessed Be the Name" - Hymn Vs.# 1 "All praise to Him who reigns above in majesty supreme, who gave His Son for man to die, that He might man redeem!
Vs. # 2 - "His name above all names shall stand, exalted more and more, at God the Father's own right hand, where angel hosts adore!"

Two times Paul had to tell the glory-seeking Corinthians, who tended to "measure themselves by themselves" (II Cor. 10:12), "he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (I Cor. 1:31; II Cor. 10:17).

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: [24] But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 5:14).

Hymn - "To God be the glory, great things He hath done..."

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I. Jesus is Glorified by the Death that He Died (v.1)

"The hour is come" – "The time is undefined, as something well known between Father and Son" (Wycliffe Commentary, p. 1111).

The "hour" is the specific time when the pivotal accomplishment of human history would be fulfilled. Jesus would be glorified by His death, resurrection, and exaltation.

John 7:39
(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

On several previous occasions, people made attempts to arrest and/or put Jesus to death. However, each attempt was futile because "His hour had not yet come."

Well, now "the hour is come." The exact time for the Passover sacrifice to be fulfilled. After 3 ½ years of public ministry, Jesus is now ready to "give His life a ransom for many."

The crucifixion was no accident or mistake in God's plan (as Rev. Sun Mung Moon of the Unification Church teaches). It was deliberately planned and prepared for by God the Father and God the Son.

We don't often think of suffering and death as being a means by which God is glorified, but contrary to the philosophy of the "Prosperity (health and wealth) Gospel" of the Charismatics, suffering and glory do go together. Even Paul stated this: "Whether by life or by death, Christ shall be magnified in my body."

How did Jesus' death glorify Him?

1) His innocence was manifested by His trial.

2) His patience was manifested ("who being reviled, reviled not again…")

3) His forgiveness was manifested. Even of His crucifiers, He said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

4) His power was manifested
   --as the earth darkened (from noon until 3:00)
   --as the veil of the Temple was torn
   --as the earth shook
   "Surely this Man was the Son of God" (centurion)

5) His love, mercy and grace were manifested

6) The Father glorified the Son by allowing Him to fulfill hundreds of Old Testaments Scriptures which foretold or foreshadowed His death.

"That thy Son also may glorify Thee" – the ultimate purpose for the Son's glory is the Father's glory. While the Son accomplished salvation, the Father had planned salvation.

Whenever Jesus is glorified, the Father is glorified because of the oneness of essence and purpose that the Son shares with the Father.

II. Jesus is Glorified by the Eternal Life that He Gives (v.2-3)

v. 2
"Power over all flesh" = absolute authority over all people.

Everything is under the authority of Jesus.

Matthew 28:18
And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Col. 1:17
And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

--The giver of eternal life is Jesus ("He")

--The price for eternal life is free ("give")

--The duration of eternal life is forever ("eternal" = everlasting)

--The decision of eternal life is God the Father's ("to as many as Thou hast given him")
--Not all (not universalism) but a select few will be recipients of God's salvation
--Those whom the Father gives to His Son will be His bride

(John emphasizes the doctrine of election – the Father giving some people to His Son. See: John 6:37, 39, 44, 65)

The beneficiaries of salvation are described throughout John 17 as those whom the Father had given to the Son (vv. 2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 24).

v. 3

--The definition of eternal life is a personal knowledge of God the Father and God the Son (both the means to eternal life and the manifestation of eternal life is a knowledge of God through His Son). To attain salvation one must come to know (*ginoskosi*) Him personally. Salvation is not attained through ritual, religion or man's works. Nor is it attained by knowing a creed or formulated prayer. Salvation comes when you come to know personally God and His Son.

Eternal life = knowing God and His Son

1 John 5:20
And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

We cannot know the Father apart from knowing the Son (Jn. 14:6-11).

As the bumper sticker reads:
"No Jesus, no peace;
Know Jesus, know peace"
So we could also say:
"No Jesus, no salvation;
Know Jesus, know salvation"

Do you know Him, or merely know about Him?

Because both the Father and the Son give salvation, both the Father and Son will be eternally glorified for the salvation given.

No glory will go to man, but all to God.

Romans 3:27
Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Romans 4:2
For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

For a footnote of that glory, listen to Rev. 5:9-13 and 7:9-10.

III. Jesus is Glorified by the Faithful Life that He Lived (v.4)

"I have glorified Thee on the earth" - for 33 ½ years Jesus brought glory to the Father

--by His birth (virgin birth)
--by His obedience (to the Father's will) – He was sinless
--by His miracles (as Nicodemus said: "No man can do what You do except God be with Him")
--by His message (His message of truth and grace)

"I have finished the work" – He didn't merely start the work, but He finished.

We, too, bring glory to God by how we finish the race set before us.

In the Christian race, "Few start well
Fewer still run well
Very few finish well"

Like Jesus, we too have the opportunity and the responsibility to glorify God "on the earth" and by finishing "the work" He gave us to do.

As Jesus said in John 4:34,
Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

IV. Jesus is Glorified by the <u>Oneness with the Father</u> that He <u>Shares</u> (v.5)

"With thine own self" = Together with or alongside of (*para*) yourself.

Christ's glory is due to His oneness (unity) with God the Father, and by His position at the right hand of God.

Jesus must be co-equal in nature and essence with God in order for Him to share co-equal glory.

Reason: God said that He would share His glory with no one else. (give reference)

Note: John 17:24

"Before the world was" – Christ asserts His <u>pre-existence</u>.

Christ's pre-existence is emphasized in John –

John 1:1-2
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:15
John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

John 1:30
This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

John 6:51-52
I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. [52] The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

John 8:58
Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

And Christ's pre-existence is taught throughout the Bible (Micah 5:2).

Before the world was created, the angelic host bowed to Jesus and performed His will. But during His incarnation that glory was hidden (to all except those whose eyes God opened).

Conclusion: Hymns: “To God be the Glory”
“Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth”
“Jesus be Glorified in My Life”

Where should we glory?
Jeremiah 9:24
But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

"One Solitary Life"

He was born in an obscure village.
He worked in a carpenter shop
until he was thirty. He then became
an itinerant preacher.
He never held an office.
He never had a family
or owned a house.
He didn't go to college.
He had no credentials but Himself . . .

Nineteen centuries have come and gone,
and today He is the central figure
of the human race.
All the armies that ever marched,
and all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat,
and all the kings that ever reigned
have not affected the life of man
on this earth as much as that . . .

ONE SOLITARY LIFE