

GLORIOUS BY ROBERT NOTGRASS

The word “glorious” is used in the King James Version of the Bible thirteen times. It can mean “dignity, honorable, to render esteem, magnify, splendid or gorgeous.” Of course, the context of a passage will determine its meaning. Let’s examine some things in the word of God that are described as being “glorious.”

The Gospel is Called Glorious

Paul stated, “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Cor. 4:4) The Gospel is considered glorious by Paul because it is the means by which those who are blinded by sin and wickedness of the world are able to see and find their way out from blindness. Thus, the glorious gospel of Christ shines to lead sinners from their sins.



Now, since the gospel is glorious, it should be the message presented or preached to mankind. Unfortunately in many religious circles, including within some churches of Christ, the gospel is not preached. Therefore, when the gospel is not preached, sinners are unable to find their way out of the grips of sin. It is each Christians responsibility to ensure that at our place of worship, that the glorious gospel is being preached because” it is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16).

The Church Is Called Glorious

Paul, writing to the Ephesians concerning the church penned, “That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any

DID YOU KNOW?

The early church grew when:

The Word of God was preached without fear or favor.

Acts 4:18-20

Acts 24:25

Acts 5:26-33

Acts 26:24-29

Acts 7:2-50

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Doris Pendleton, Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Elnora Shanks, Ethel Runge, Glenis McDonald and Tex Kinman, Andy Shanks family.

Also remember: Richard Massey, Verma Long, Nelta Brock, Connie Gass, Adrian & Jean Swindler, Ruby Backus, Marvin Howard, Darrell Conley, Habermehl family, Cheryl Harris Evonelle Calkins, Dawn Tivoli, Brian Williams

Remember also: Those in our military.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we are to clean the resource room at 4pm.
- Each sermon is being recorded. If you would like a copy on CD, let Robert Know.
- Please check the schedule in the back for those who are serving today.
- January 17th , we are having a Potluck followed by a meeting on VBS.
- Item this week for Fairhaven Children home is: Canned soups & Canned Vegetables.
- Beginning January 25th at 7pm is a class on evangelism.

Times of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm



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such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Eph. 5:27) The church is described as being splendid, full of glory, noble, and honorable. Since this is the case, how do we treat Christ’s glorious church? Now, the Lord’s church is not the building, yet the members of the body make up this glorious church.

Therefore, do we treat this glorious institution with the honor and respect she deserves? Do we love the church and if the answer to this is yes, can it be proven by our actions only? Likewise, do we call Christ’s church boring because we may have heard some of the same messages from as a child? Do we say that the church is dead and uninteresting and this is the reason why we do not attend every service and every opportunity that the church presents to us? Notice that Paul called the church, glorious! Don’t you think that it is about time we begin acting and living like we are a part of that glorious body?!

The Appearing of Jesus is Called Glorious

Again, Paul stated, “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” (Tit. 2:13). For many, the coming of the Lord will be a day of disaster. And for those who are not prepared to meet the Lord will not look upon his coming as being glorious. However, those who are living the Christian life on a daily basis and remaining faithful can look forward to the coming of Jesus. Imagine what a glorious time it will be!

Many times we do not think of the gospel, the church, and the appearing of Jesus as being glorious. Let us begin to hold these two entities and this single event in high regard. The way we live our lives will show others and determine if we believe the gospel, the church and that the appearing of Jesus are glorious. If our beloved brother Paul described this trio as being glorious, we should also do our best as members of the church to treat them with the respect, honor and reverence they deserve. If not, then how would you treat something that is so glorious?

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

In a book called “God and the Soviets”, Marcus Bach speaks of his visit to Russia in order to discover why a great nation with a history of faith was attempting to do away with religion and deny the reality of God.

In the city of Kiev, he visited a monastery of the Russian Orthodox Church, late in the evening. As he walked down a darkened corridor to find someone who would show him around and talk with him about what was happening to the church, he suddenly heard a gentle, muffled voice questioning in a soft, singing Ukrainian tone: “Where are you going, brother, where are you going?” The words were sang over and over.

Out of curiosity, Dr. Bach spied on an aged monk with his beard cut close, his hair

pitch black and his eyes, blind! The monk said, “I recognize by your step you are a stranger here. Where are you going brother? Where are you going?”

The monk was there attempting to find out where Russia was going. They did not want to give up their faith in God, especially not deny that God exist.

In America, the question is often asked: “Where are you going?” So, where are you going as an individual? Are you ignoring God and seeking a selfish life built on pleasures and whatever else makes you feel good or, are you building your life on God?

