

2022 Theme: Life with the Indwelling Holy Spirit
Sermon title: Our Response to the Holy Spirit's Indwelling

Text: I Cor. 6:20

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In 2022, let us be a church, a body of believers, who eschew the carnal, immoral, ungodly ways of our culture and live in such a way that it is obvious to the fellow members of our local body and our community that the Holy Spirit is dwelling within us, and let us bring honor to the Lord.

Outline: 1. Our bodies are not our own (I Cor. 6:19c). 2. Our lives are bought at a high cost (I Cor. 6:20a).

1. Our purchased lives are to be used for the purpose of glorifying God (I Cor. 6:20b).

“Glorify in the aorist imperative is a command calling for an immediate (no procrastination, no delay) response. Don't hesitate. Don't rationalize. . . From other Scriptures, we know that although we must carry out this command, it is God's provision of His strengthening grace and His enabling Spirit which allow us to carry out this command and even give us the desire to do it in such a way that it is pleasing to our Father” (https://www.preceptaustin.org/1corinthians_620_commentary).

Definition: The word for *glorify* (Greek: *doxazo*) means *to exalt, to honor, to praise* and has the sense: “to positively acknowledge, recognize, or esteem one’s character, nature, or attributes” (Biblical Sense Lexicon).

To define *glorifying God*, a person must correctly respond to the character of God and reflect Jesus Christ to those around them.

Glorifying God begins with a vertical relationship with God and flows to a horizontal relationship towards other people.

A. God can only be glorified through Jesus Christ

Bringing praise and glory to God must always be connected to the Lord Jesus Christ and all of His redemptive work on the cross, His resurrection, and exaltation.

Jesus Himself continually brought glory to God through His life, death, resurrection, and exaltation. Whether He ate or drank, His model of obedience, boldly spoke the truth in His teachings, resisting temptation against sin, or showing loving compassion towards the lost, Jesus Christ glorified His Father. “He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross!”

B. Everything that we do should bring a proper opinion about God to the world and those we meet.

In all things refers to every matter of the believer’s responsibilities, actions, and practices.

C. We practically glorify God by modeling Jesus Christ in these ways:

We learn how to glorify God by how Jesus glorified His Father.

• Christ’s obedience. God is glorified by our willing obedience to His word, will, and ways.

“God is glorified in our willing obedience to the wisdom of His commandments. To believe in God is to trust His Word, and to trust His Word is to obey and follow it. Otherwise, we are putting ourselves above God, judging Him, and insisting that we can do better with our lives. This is why sin is so destructive. We cannot disobey the Creator and expect that His creation will not suffer” (Whiting).

- **Christ's bold teaching**

We are God's children, called to be ambassadors of the Gospel message all the while speaking righteousness and truth about sin. Salvation only comes through belief and believing comes through hearing the gospel message (Rom. 10:13).

- **Christ's prayer.**

Prayer is the key to spiritual growth and when people humbly pray, God receives the glory and He works in and through those prayers. Prayer should be done continually; yet it is often neglected until last resort.

"To neglect a life of prayer is to lean on our own understanding and to rely pridefully on ourselves – as if we could accomplish more than an almighty God acting for and through us" (Whiting).

- **Christ's compassion.**

"In a world characterized by a hunger for power, self-entitled and vengeful, Jesus displayed sacrificial generosity and kindness – even towards those who neglected, betrayed, and rejected Him. Fully confident in His Father's love, He poured Himself out for others" (Whiting).

Those who love others by viewing all people as sinners in need of Jesus will love and serve like Christ did. James 2:14-16; I John 3:16-17. We must learn long-suffering, self-control, and submission to one another (Eph. 5:21). We must be people who become angry less, speak kindly, and listen loudly.

- **Above all, forgive like Christ.**

We must forgive because that is one of the most God-honoring, God-glorifying, Christ-modeled thing that we can do (Eph. 4:32).

Conclusion

- **We glorify God by lifting our praise in confirmation of His character and Person.**
- **We glorify God when we respond to His promises, miracles, and saving acts of deliverance.**
- **We glorify God when we view Him in light of the act of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ.**
- **We glorify Him when we ascribe all that we have in rightful worship.**

"To be where God is will be glory. To be what God intended will be glory. To do what God purposed will be glory" (<https://www.preceptaustin.org/1-corinthians-11-commentary>).

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