

### *Can only Christians glorify God?*

Christians can glorify God in their: praise (Ps. 50:23), fruitfulness (John 15:8), service (1 Pet. 4:11) and suffering (1 Pet. 4:14, 16).<sup>1</sup> God is glorified in body and soul (1 Co 6:20) and universally (Ps 86:9)<sup>2</sup>.

Even the wicked will one day glorify God.

The apostle Paul wrote:

What if God, desiring to display His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience objects of wrath ready for destruction? And what if He did this to make known the riches of His glory on objects of mercy that He prepared beforehand for glory. Ro 9:22–23

J. Vernon McGee wrote, “His mercy makes a vessel “unto honour”; that is, a vessel for honorable use. It is the Potter’s right to make another vessel for “dishonour” or common use.”<sup>3</sup>

The Westminster Catechism said that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. God is enjoyed when one glorifies Him. He leads men into paths of righteousness for His namesake (Ps 23:3).

David disgraced God. Regrettably, men use David’s sin today to sin similarly. They look lightly upon sin thinking that they are getting by with it (Is 53:6). No child of God gets by with sin. The apostle Paul said, “...If you are without discipline--which all receive--then you are illegitimate children and not sons (He 12:8, HCSB).”

Men cannot enjoy God unless they glorify Him. David’s life was troubled after committing adultery with Bathsheba and murdering her husband, Uriah the Hittite.<sup>4</sup>

When one is outside of the will of God, he cannot experience: love, joy or peace (Ga 5:22).

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson’s quick reference topical Bible index (pp. 256–257). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, pp. 256-257.

<sup>3</sup> McGee, J. V. (1991). Thru the Bible commentary: The Epistles (Romans 9-16) (electronic ed., Vol. 43). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>4</sup> David testifies to the blessings that come from confessing sin and receiving God’s forgiveness (Ps 32).

Willmington, H. L. (1999). The Outline Bible. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

David trusts in God’s protection despite the many enemies surrounding him (Ps 62). Ibid, Section Outline (Psalm 62).