

SEMINAR: GLORY TO GOD ALONE

THE FUTURE OF SALVATION

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

1. Why is Justification to the Glory of God Alone?

- a. It should be obvious, but the object of all religion is giving glory to God – 1Co 10:31
- b. The difference is who is God, and how do they get glory.
 - i. Muslim Allah, million Hindu gods, god of nature, science, human flourishing
- c. What about glory of man? Is there some value in great things *we* have done? 1Pe 1:24-25
- d. Saints? Doesn't Peter deserve a nice burial tomb? Mary a statue? Pope a triple crown?
- e. The Reformers wanted everything to be for God's glory – no more sacred/secular.
- f. Everyone's problem: glorifying God the same way men are glorified – Acts 17:24-25

2. Glory to God Alone

- a. Glory ~ *def* – "awesomeness" - apparent greatness. Visible, manifest, greatness.
- b. There are only two things you can glorify: the Creator or the creation – Rom 1:20-23
- c. Glory not in God alone by glorying in another man, another authority, your works.
- d. The Reformers all taught the Pope was antichrist: why? 2 Thess 2:4
 - i. Popes declared themselves equal to God: head of the church, Holy Father, vicar.
 - ii. "*call no man your father upon the earth*" - Matt 23:9 – DR removes "man"
- e. "*The pope holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man, but of the true God.*" Innocent
 - i. Pres. Bush W – I see god when I look into the Pope's eyes.
 - ii. Mary is called Mother of God, co-Mediatrix, Queen of heaven.
 - iii. Brits now only think 6 of 10 commandments are relevant.
- f. The Pope cannot be the Head if he did not raise from the dead – Eph 1:20-23
- g. No flesh should glory in his presence, because he alone is worthy – 1 Cor 1:29, Is 10:15

3. How to Glorify God alone

- a. Glorying in men does not look evil – it looks good – worthy.
- b. When bad things happen – I can overcome, what does not kill us makes us stronger
- c. Theology of glory - We give God more glory by doing glorious things for him. S.D.G.
- d. Theology of the cross – We give God glory through Jesus Christ by grace through faith
- e. "I surrender all" – sacrifice is our own glory – 1 Sam 15:22
- f. Glory in this... Jesus Christ God's son and his work - Jer 9:23-24, 1 Cor 1:30-31, 3:19-20

4. Glory to God Alone Through Christ

- a. It is through Christ that God is glorified, not through us - Phil 2:10-11
- b. Christ is the Lord of glory – Jam 2:1, 1 Cor 2:8
- c. "*He is not righteous who does much, but he who, without work, believes much in Christ.*"
- d. "*The law says "Do this", and it is never done. Grace says, "believe in this" and everything is already done.*"
- e. In Christ there is no boasting, salvation does not glorify us – Rom 3:27, Eph 2:8-9
- f. God forbid I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ - Gal 6:14
- g. Acc. to the mystery - God receives glory in the church by Jesus Christ – Isa 2:17, Eph 3:21