

And They Glorified God In Me

I. Introduction:

A. If I were to ask faithful Christians who they should glorify, the answer would resoundingly be “God” (**Romans 15:5-6**, **I Corinthians 10:31**, and **I Peter 4:16**).

1. We should not look for our own glory (**Proverbs 25:27**) nor praise ourselves (**Proverbs 27:2**).

2. We should not glory in our strengths (**Jeremiah 9:23-24**).

B. Think about how Jesus “glorified not Himself” (**Hebrews 4:14-5:6**).

1. Jesus was not a glory seeker (**John 7:15-18**; cf. **John 8:54**).

2. In referencing the the transfiguration of Christ (**Matthew 17:1-8**, **Mark 9:1-13**, and **Luke 9:28-36**), Peter wrote that Jesus’ glory was from the Father (**II Peter 1:16-18**).

II. Body: The Text From Which Our Lesson Is Drawn: **Galatians 1:13-24**

A. Question: Is God glorified in what you do (**John 15:8**)?

1. Jesus’ work did such (**John 11:4**).

2. Paul’s work did such (**Acts 21:17-20**).

3. Even those whom may speak against us can end up glorifying God because of our good works (**I Peter 2:12**).

B. Think about how whole congregations can do work that causes others to glorify God (**II Corinthians 8:1-9:13**).

1. We often examine ourselves and rightly so (**II Corinthians 13:5**).

2. We should look at US [collectively] too and ask if we [collectively] are working to the glorification of God through others (**Ephesians 3:21**).

C. On the other hand, what if what we do [individually and/or collectively] brings shame upon God (**Psalms 4:2** and **Jeremiah 2:11**)?

1. This question begs us to ask not only if our works are “good” (**Titus 2:14**; **3:8**; **3:14**), but if our “good works” glorify or shame God (**I Peter 4:11**).

2. Think about what was said to young widows (**I Timothy 5:14**).

3. Consider another context for both men and women (**Titus 2:3-8**).

III. Conclusion: Our glorification is to come in the end (**Romans 8:17**), don’t seek it of yourself (**I Corinthians 1:18-31**).