

RECAST: *Pursuing Glory* – Text: Romans 11:36

RBC COVENANT: Our united PURPOSE is **to glorify God** by being a Gospel-Centered Community. Our Biblical PRIORITIES are to Worship God, Proclaim the Gospel, Disciple Believers, Serve Everyone and Steward All of life **to the glory of God**.

What is GLORY? “God’s visible presence among His people.” – J. Frame

What does it mean to GLORIFY?

- To **GIVE** God that honor and respect that He is continually due.
- To **DISPLAY** all the infinite beauty and worth of God in everything.

God’s GLORY is DUE: Psalm 29:1–2

- 1) **Because HE alone is perfectly GLORIOUS:** Ex. 15:11 See: Ps 145:5
- 2) **Because HE is the CREATOR and ALL of creation is intended to glorify Him:** Revelation 4:11 See also: Psalm 100:3, Isaiah 29:23; 1 Corinthians 8:6, 11:12; Colossians 1:16; Rev. 14:7
- 3) **Because WE were CREATED to GLORIFY Him:** Isaiah 43:7
- 4) **Because EVERYTHING WILL eventually GLORIFY HIM:** Habakkuk 2:14 See also: Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 72:19

God’s GLORY is DENIED by His fallen creatures

- 1) **SIN is FAILURE to glorify God:** Romans 1:21–23
- 2) **ALL of us have FAILED to glorify God:** Romans 3:23
- 3) **We are therefore UNSATISFIED:** Jeremiah 2:11–13
- 4) **We therefore suffer the consequence of DEATH and fading GLORY:** 1 Peter 1:24. See also: Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- 5) **Even when facing certain eternal punishment and death, we fail to give God the GLORY He is DUE:** Revelation 16:9

God’s GLORY has been redemptively DISPLAYED: John 1:14

- 1) **Jesus COMPLETELY DISPLAYED God’s GLORY:** Hebrews 1:3. See also: Colossians 1:15, 19; 2:9
- 2) **Jesus ALONE perfectly PURSUED and FULFILLED glorifying God:** John 12:28a, 17:4
- 3) **GOD shines JESUS’ GLORY into our hearts to SAVE us from our SIN:** 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 4) **JESUS’ glory CHANGES US:** 2 Corinthians 3:18

God’s GLORY is DEMANDED of the REDEEMED: Revelation 1:5b–6. See also: Rom. 16:27, Gal. 1:5, Eph. 3:21, Philippi. 4:20, 1 Tim 1:17; Heb. 13:21; 2 Ptr 3:18b; Jude 1:24–25; Rev. 5:12–13, 7:12, 19:1, 19:7

- 1) **Jesus REDEEMED us so GOD would get the GLORY He is due:** Philippians 2:10–11
- 2) **Jesus DEFEATED sin, satan and death FOR His own GLORY:** Colossians 1:18
- 3) **THEREFORE, everything we ARE and DO is now TO God’s GLORY:** 1 Corinthians 6:20, 10:31. See also: Matt. 5:16, 2 Cor. 5:15

God’s GLORY is DELEGATED to His CHURCH

- 1) **In our COMMUNITY and WORSHIP:** Romans 15:5–7
- 2) **In our PROCLAMATION and DISCIPLESHIP:** John 15:8
- 3) **In our SERVICE and STEWARDSHIP:** 1 Peter 4:10–11
- 4) **In our visible WEAKNESS and NEED:** John 14:13

5 CRITICAL IMPLICATIONS of what this means for RBC:

- 1) **This church is NOT about/for ME** (or any of our staff, or leaders.)
- 2) **This church is NOT ultimately about/for YOU** (individually or corporately).
- 3) **This church is NOT about/for US** (Redeemer Baptist Church)
- 4) **This church is NOT about PROGRAMS, RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, MORALITY, or AGENDAS.**
- 5) **This church IS about/for the GLORY of JESUS. Period.** Psalm 115:1
See also: Is. 48:11

Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?