

The Glory of God

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We must acknowledge that our God has assured and given His people a great victory. Life will present us with all sorts of challenges, complications, heart-aches, losses, sorrows, tears and other unfortunate events, however, if we trust in God, we will be given a victory. Victory, that we must recognize is not a result of anything we have done, but solely the result of serving and praising our God. It is God's mercy and truth that has sustained us from the beginning of time as we know it, and it is those same qualities that will endure and outlast the test of time (1 Chronicles 16:24-34).

Idol Inventory

When we compare the God of the Bible, with the false gods of this world, His characteristics speak for themselves. Whereas their gods cannot speak, our God has spoken on numerous occasions and now comes in the "volume of the Book" (Hebrews 10:7). Whereas their gods have no eyes to offer protection and no ears to hear their requests, our God's eyes are over us and His ears are open unto our prayers (1 Peter 3:12). Whereas their gods have hands with no usage, our God's fingers made the universe (Psalm 8:3) and His arm is revealing (Isaiah 53:1). It is a very sad summation when the false gods that are served have no rewards, but leave their followers further blind to the Light of the Gospel and deaf to the voice of God.

Trust in the Lord

When we consider the track record of God versus man, the competition was over before it began, because man could not exist without God. Trusting in God is an easier path to travel when we recognize the power of His loving-kindness, judgment and righteousness. Trusting in man is understandably a hesitant action, but to the contrary, the act of trusting in God is a holy event. For He alone is worthy of all the trust man could muster, but He simply requires our obedience to parallel our trust in Him. The Truth has been revealed to us in the form of Christ, and it is through the Truth that we have access to and the gift of the spirit.

Blessed Assurance

Every child of God ought to have security in their soul, which can only be profitable if their soul is secure. It is this peace that passes all understanding and is able to keep our hearts and minds through our Lord (Philippians 4:7). According to Paul, we would be wise to know who we are assuredly blessed to call in 1 Corinthians 1:24-31. As a direct result of our blessed assurance, we give all honor and glory to God, because the Scriptures fortify our faith by helping us to know a few things about our faith in God.

The Commitment to Praise

It is apparent that the significance of the word "bless" should stand out. It is used six times in Psalm 115. I know that man could not exist or live without the blessings of God, but we must know that it is only just for us, His creation, to bless Him. We do this in part by ascribing all glory and praise to our Father. We bring joy to the heart of God with our giving of thanks and obedience. We ought to be grateful that our Lord has been mindful of us and glorify His name for the sins He forgives, the needs He supplies, the mercy we enjoy, the fears He removes, the hopes that He is fulfilling, but most of all, we give God the glory for the Savior that He sent – Jesus Christ!