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Glorify God Through Obedience

1 Corinthians 10:29-11:1

INTRODUCTION

- The responsibility and duty of the Christian is to live a life that glorifies God.

1 Corinthians 10:29-11:1

²⁹ “Conscience,” I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another *man’s* conscience?

³⁰ But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for *the food* over which I give thanks?

³¹ **Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

³² Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, **that they may be saved.**

¹ Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ

- Paul asks 2 questions in the light of doing all things to the glory of God:-
 - Why my liberty or freedom is judged, controlled or limited by the conscience of others?
 - If by God’s grace, I can give thanks for what I do, why should I let others criticise or condemn me for it?
- Remember- Our purpose in life is to glorify God by doing His will. We are His testimonies and witnesses of His Saving Grace.

REASONS WHY WE MUST DO ALL THINGS TO GLORIFY GOD

- We are bought with a price – Jesus Christ is Lord and not only Saviour.

1 Corinthians 6:20

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

- We are to shine before others that they may glorify God.

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- We bear fruit – in bearing fruit, we glorify God.

John 15:8

“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

- We do not live for ourselves but for the glory of God.
 - We live not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Romans 14:17

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

- We are not to be a stumbling block.

1 Corinthians 10:32

“Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,”

2 Corinthians 6:3

“We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed”.

1 John 2:10

“He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.”

CONCLUSION: THE OUTCOME OF LIVING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

- Living for the glory of God will be the salvation of many.

1 Corinthians 10:33

“Just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved”

- Following Paul’s example is following Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

Philippians 3:8

Paul said, “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”

- We can live for the glory of God!

2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

- Understanding Christian Liberty.

1 Corinthians 10:23

“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify”

- “All things are lawful”
- But, does that mean there is nothing I cannot do? NO
- There are things that a believer does not do, not necessary because of the law but because of God’s grace.
- The Grace of God that not only helps us to do the things that pleases God, but also helps us not to do the things that does not please God.
- Paul calls them, things that are not expedient or edifying – in other words, things that are not beneficial, useful, building up or constructing and maturing.

Romans 8:13

“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

Romans 14:21

“It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.”

Romans 15:1

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

1 Corinthians 9:22

“to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”

1 Corinthians 10:24

“Let no one seek his own, but each one the other’s well-being.”

Galatians 5:24

“And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

- Jesus said “..... If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24)