

THE SUPREMACY OF GOD IN MISSIONS: Part 1<sup>1</sup>  
(Romans 11:36)

- I. The PRINCIPLE of God-Centered Missions (2 Cor. 4:15)
  - A. In Paul's ministry, "all things are for YOUR sakes"
    - 1. That they might PARTAKE of abundant GRACE
    - 2. That they might EXPRESS abundant GRATITUDE
  - B. The ULTIMATE purpose is "to the GLORY of GOD"
    - 1. Other goals EXIST
    - 2. Other goals are IMPORTANT
    - 3. God's glory is PARAMOUNT
  
- II. The PROOF of God-Centered Missions
  - A. Our RESPONSE to the Gospel ACKNOWLEDGES God's glory (2 Cor. 1:20; cf. John 5:23-24; Rom. 4:19-21; Heb. 11:6)
    - 1. BELIEVING the gospel GLORIFIES God
    - 2. DOUBTING or DENYING the gospel DISHONORS God
  - B. The Spirit's WORK through the Gospel DISPLAYS God's glory (2 Cor. 3:7-11)

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1. The MISSIONARY is not SUFFICIENT to his task
  2. The Holy Spirit GLORIFIES God by giving LIFE to the believer
- C. The believer's TRANSFORMATION by the Gospel REFLECTS God's glory (2 Cor. 3:18; cf. Gen. 1:26-27; 9:6; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:24; James 3:9; 1 John 3:2)
1. Man was created to REFLECT God's IMAGE and GLORY
  2. Sin MARRED God's image in man without REMOVING it
  3. Regeneration RENEWS God's image in the BELIEVER
  4. Glorification PERFECTS God's image in the believer
  5. Sanctification ENHANCES God's image in the believer
- D. The central MESSAGE of the Gospel IS God's glory (2 Cor. 4:4-6)
1. People REJECT the gospel when they don't see God's GLORY in it
  2. The gospel is not about US, but about Christ Jesus as LORD
- E. The believer's HOPE in the Gospel is FUTURE glory (2 Cor. 4:17-18)
1. The gospel does not promise to make us COMFORTABLE now
  2. Trials we endure help PRODUCE God's GLORY in us eternally