

Romans 8:28-30 • The Most Important Thing About Everything

Romans 1:6 including you who are **called to belong to Jesus Christ**,

Romans 1:7 To all those in Rome **who are loved by God and called to be saints:**
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:28 And **we know** that for **those who love God all things work together for good**, for **those who are called according to his purpose**.

Romans 8:29 For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that **He might be the firstborn among many brothers**.

Romans 8:30 And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he **called** he also **justified**, and those whom he **justified** he also **glorified**.

Isaiah 55:8 For **my thoughts are not your thoughts**, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

Isaiah 55:9 For **as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts**.

Job 38:2 **“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?**

Job 40:7 **“Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.**

Job 40:8 **Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?**

Job 42:2 **“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.**

Job 42:3 **‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.**

Romans 1:19 For **what can be known** about God is plain to them, because **God has shown it to them**.

“God created the world for his glory. God did not create out of need. He did not create the world out of a deficiency that needed to be made up. He was not lonely. He was supremely happy in the fellowship of the Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He created the world to put his glory on display that his people might know him, and love him, and show him.”

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus says the Lord, **he who created you**, O Jacob, **he who formed you**, O Israel: **“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Isaiah 43:4 **Because you are precious in my eyes**, and **honored**, and **I love you**, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

Isaiah 43:5 **Fear not, for I am with you**; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

Isaiah 43:6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

Isaiah 43:7 **everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”**

Genesis 1:27 So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Isaiah 6:3 And one called to another and said: **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”**

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that they might declare my praise.**

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.**

Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, **they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God** for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord; that is my name; **my glory I give to no other**, nor **my praise** to carved idols.

Isaiah 43:21 the **people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.**

1Peter 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things were created through him and for him.**

Isaiah 49:3 And he said to me, “**You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.**”

Isaiah 60:21 Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, **that I might be glorified.**

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Isaiah 61:2 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

Isaiah 61:3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of **gladness** instead of mourning, **the garment of praise** instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, **that he may be glorified.**

God's end in all His acts is ultimately Himself. There is nothing morally dubious about this; **if we allow that man can have no higher end than the glory of God, how can we say anything different about God Himself?** The idea that it is somehow unworthy to represent God as aiming at His own glory in all that He does seems to reflect a failure to remember that God and man are not on the same level; and to show lack of realization that, **whereas a man who makes his own well-being his ultimate end does so at the expense of his fellow-creatures, God has determined to glorify Himself by blessing His creatures.** His end in redeeming man, we are told, is “the praise of the glory of his grace,” or simply “the praise of his glory”. He wills to display His resources of mercy (the “riches” of His grace, and of His glory — “glory” being the sum of His attributes as He reveals them: **in bringing His saints to their ultimate happiness in the enjoyment of Himself.**

We conclude, then, that it is the very reverse of blasphemy to speak of God as self-centered; it would, indeed, be irreligious not to. **It is the glory of God to have made all things for Himself and to use them as means for His own exaltation.** The clear-headed Christian will insist on this. **And he will insist too that it is the glory of man that he is privileged to function as a means to this end. There can be no greater glory for man than to be a means of glorifying God.** “Man’s chief end is to glorify God” — **and it is in so doing that man finds his true dignity as God’s creature.** The modern humanist, who thinks that man is at his noblest and most god-like when he has thrown off the shackles of religion, imagines that by asserting that man is no more than a means to God’s glory we rob human life of all real worth. The truth, however, is the opposite. **Human life without God has no real worth; it is a mere monstrosity.** But when we say that man is no more than a means to God’s glory, **we are also saying that man is no less than that** — and thus showing how human life can have meaning and value. — **J.I. Packer**

“We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special.”
— **Stephen Hawking**

“I believe the simplest explanation is, there is no God. No one created the universe and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realization that there probably is no heaven and no afterlife either. We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe and for that, I am extremely grateful.”
— **Stephen Hawking**

This world exists for the glory of God's grace revealed in the saving work of Jesus.

Ephesians 3:11 This was **according to the eternal purpose** that he has **realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,**

2Timothy 1:9 who **saved us and called us** to a holy calling, not because of our works but **because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,**

Ephesians 1:3-6a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as

he chose us in him

before the foundation of the world,

that we should be **holy and blameless before him.**

In love

he predestined us

for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,

according to the purpose of his will,

to the praise of his glorious grace,

Ephesians 2:7 so that in the coming ages he might show **the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

Revelation 13:8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been **written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.**

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. **To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Romans 16:27 to the only wise God **be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.**

Galatians 1:5 **to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Ephesians 3:21 **to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Philippians 4:20 To our God and Father **be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

2Timothy 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. **To him be the glory forever and ever.** Amen.

Hebrews 13:21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, **through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.** Amen.

2Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.** Amen.

Jude 25 to the only God, **our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.** Amen.

Revelation 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, **to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.** Amen.

Revelation 5:13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

**he predestined us
to the praise of his glorious grace,
that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**