What about Glory To God?

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Introduction

While Christ has come give us new life.

"glory" hebrew: "Kabad" to give weight or credit to.

The main purpose of Christ's coming is His glory! The main theme of life, and scripture itself must fall within this.

Why do we exist? Life is not about having it good, or "progressing" in character or material existence. But our purpose and existence is for His glory!

Our ultimate goal should be the display of the glory of God.

The OT is full of evidence of God doing things for His glory.

Ezekiel 20:9 Exodus 14:4

How did the incarnation bring Glory To God?

Demonstration of a perfect Life

1 Peter 2:22 Hebrews 4:15

Romans 3:23

Up until the incarnation everyone came short of Christ's glory. Why? Because He gave us an example of what a godly life looks like.

John 1:14-18

"He has explained Him"

"explained" exegeomai

to exegete, to unfold, to make known

What John is saying here is that Jesus is the exegetical digest of God himself.

God himself says "That's my Son!" That's what life is supposed to look like.

At age x God could say "That's how a x year old should live" of Jesus.

The rich young ruler Luke 18:19

Demonstration a perfect Love

1 John 3:13-16

Romans 5:7

God demonstrated his grace!

Noah, would you die for someone? God did.

In the OT they were given the greatest commandment! But they had no example! They had no clue how to do this perfectly.

John 13:14 Christ was the perfect example for how we are to love one another.

Isaiah 9:6

Because of Israel's unfaithfulness God was going to punish Israel. But, inspite of your adultery I am going to be faithful to you and you can know that because I am going to give you a child that is born of a virgin.

Demonstration a perfect forgiveness

Collosians 3:13

"just as" NT is replete with this phrase.

In the Jewish system you forgave 3 times. After that you didn't have to forgive and you could even hate your enemies.

Luke 6:27

Application

Obey Him (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Abid in Him

Luke 6:46

Depend on Him (John 15:5)

God doesn't call us to be perfect but to progress

Am I more like Christ now than I was 1 year ago? 2 years ago? 5 years ago?