

“The Goal of the Church: God’s Glory – pt. 4” Ephesians 3:20-21

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A. The Model Church and Church Member

1. Philippian Church – Philippians 1:3-6
2. Epaphroditus – Philippians 2:25

B. The Authority of the Church

1. Christ Directs His Church – Ephesians 1:22
2. Christ Cares for His Church – Ephesians 5:25-26
3. She Lives Out of His Fullness – Ephesians 1:23
4. She Submits to His Leadership – Ephesians 5:24

C. The Mission of the Church: Ephesians 3:1-13

1. Make known to angels and the world God’s wisdom in Christ’s creative authority – Ephesians 3:9-10
2. Make known to angels and the world God’s wisdom in Christ’s work of redemption – Ephesians 3:6

D. The Goal of the Church: The Glory of God

1. God is glorified in His church when she thinks upon Him
Jeremiah 13:25 & 18:15; 1 Peter 1:13; 1 John 3:1-3
2. God is glorified in His church when she becomes more like her Head
Ephesians 5:23; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 1:3-6; 2 Peter 1:3-4
3. God is glorified in His church when she lives a life of discerning love
Philippians 1:9-11; Philippians 3:7-15

TODAY

4. God is glorified in His church when she suffers for His sake

Four results suffering produces in the Christian suffering for God’s glory

- a. Life is lived with heavenly longing

1 Peter 1:6-9, Romans 8:16-18

- b. Life is lived communing with Christ

1 Peter 4:12-16, Philippians 3:10, John 9:34-38

- c. Obedience is learned

1 Peter 2:19-23, Hebrews 5:7-10

- d. Abundant life is learned

1 Peter 3:14-18, John 10:10, Matthew 5:11-12