



Sermon Notes: What's Important Now?

1. The purpose of God:

1) You get everything you could ever need in Christ, now and forever.

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2) AND He gets the glory.

- 3x in verses 6, 12, and 14: "*to the praise of his glory.*"
- Glory =

2. The purpose of your life:

1) Glorify God in everything.

2) Build your life around the core purposes of God.



Gospel Applications: What's Important Now?

Discuss.

1. What are the top few things our culture seems to be living for? What do your peers treat as most important right now?
2. If someone closely observed your life over just the first quarter of this year, what would they conclude you're living for? [Note: This isn't about what you tell yourself and others you live for, it's about what any neutral third party would actually observe.]
3. Consider your answers to #1 and #2. Why these things? What are some underlying reasons why we treat these things as if they're so important?
4. Consider your answers to #1 and #2. Compare and contrast these things with the list of purposes God has for you in Christ according to Ephesians 1:3-14. What do you observe?
5. In your own words, what does it mean to glorify someone or something? By default, who or what do you glorify in your life?
6. What are some practical ways to glorify God in everyday life? [e.g. How could you glorify him through your vocation/work? How could you glorify him through your 10 closest relationships? How could you glorify him in your use of time and money?]
7. What will you do immediately to bring your WINs (What's Important Now) into alignment with God's WINs? How will others recognize this change in you?

Pray.

1. Confess where you have been living for temporal and superficial things. Be specific. Name them. Now confess the sinful motives and desires beneath these things. Ask God to forgive you for building your life around things that have no eternal or missional significance.
2. Take some time to just worship the Lord in prayer. Seek and celebrate his majesty and glory. Thank him for the things he's done to give your life ultimate purpose and significance.