

## Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

### Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

#### Introduction

What is *beautiful*?

#### To God be the glory.

So what is “glory”?

In what sense do we “give glory” to God?

**Interaction/Group Activity:** (Divide the class into groups of 4-5)



Talk about it

Group 1: Looking at the references in Romans to “glory” try to define “glory”

What is glory? What is glory when used of God? How does Paul use the term “glory?”

Group 2: Looking at the references in Romans to “glory”

In what sense do we “give glory” to God?

How do we “give glory” to God?

What does *not* give glory to God? How or when do we rob God of glory?

What gives glory to God?

All groups: Look at the two doxologies

What is similar in both? Particularly in relationship to glory, what is added in the second?

Why are these two doxologies a good summary of the whole book of Romans?

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

**Romans 2:7** to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; (ESV)

**Romans 2:10** but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. (ESV)

**Romans 3:7** But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to **his glory**, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? (ESV)

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the **glory of God**. (ESV)

**Romans 4:20** No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave **glory to God**. (ESV)

**Romans 5:2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the **glory of God**. (ESV)

**Romans 6:4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the **glory of the Father**, we too might walk in newness of life. (ESV)

**Romans 8:17-18** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that **we may also be glorified with him**. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the **glory** that is to be revealed to us. (ESV)

**Romans 8:21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the **glory of the children of God**. (ESV)

**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**. (ESV)

**Romans 9:4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, **the glory**, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. (ESV)

**Romans 9:23** in order to make known the riches of **his glory** for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— (ESV)

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

**Romans 15:6-7, 9** that together you **may with one voice glorify the God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the **glory of God**. . . 9 and in order that the Gentiles might **glorify God** for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” (ESV)

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



Think about it

**Definition:**

Glory is intrinsic to who God is—it is part of His essence, an attribute of God or sum total of all God’s attributes.

Glory is a manifestation of God’s presence—visible expression of the invisible God.

Glory is something that God does or can bestow on others—an action or expression/demonstration/manifestation of God.

Jesus is the glory of God—He is an exhibit of God’s glory (2 Corinthians 4:6, see John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3)  
A relationship with Jesus provides hope of future glory

The majesty of His holiness (see also Exodus 15:11; Psalm 93:1; 104:1; 145:5, 12; Isaiah 2:10)

The wonder of His presence

The power of His Word (promises) and works (Romans 6:5, see also Exodus 15:1, 6; Psalm 19:1; 111:3)

The splendor of His Person

His glory is great (Psalm 138:5), eternal (Psalm 104:31), rich (Ephesians 3:16) and should result in praise and exaltation of God (Romans 11:36; 16:27; Psalm 8:1; 113:4)

**Summary**

Glory is the eternal manifestation of God’s Being.

The glory of God is a wonderful summary (short-hand) for the intrinsic beauty or splendor, divine Name and power, complete holiness and righteousness that emanates from His Person and His presence and can be enjoyed by His people who fully surrender to His rule.



Think about it

How do we “give glory” to God?

What does *not* give glory to God? How or when do we rob God of glory?

When we seek our own glory or our own way.

When we disregard or ignore God and His ways.

When we do not respond to God the way He deserves and has designed, then we cannot give glory to God, we actually “exchange” His glory for something else.

What gives glory to God?

We give God glory when we surrender to Him, giving Him the rightful place of Ruler in our lives.

Our surrender to Him, because He is the sovereign King leads to our own empowerment in faith.

We give glory to God when we live the way He desires, when our surrender to Him is evident in our relationship with others.

**Doxologies**

God is glorious. God deserves to be glorified.

**Summary**

Giving glory to God does not add anything to who God is, but it does result in honoring Him.

Giving glory to God involves surrendering to Him.



Act on it

**To God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ.**

Living for the glory of God will change our perspective—it is not about us, but all about Him.

Living for the glory of God will change our relationships—because He is most glorified in the unity of the community.

Living for the glory of God will change our affections—we will no longer be focused on the insignificant and temporal but on the eternal and permanent.

Living for the glory of God will challenge us to speak to Him, about Him and for Him.