

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, March 14, 2021

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 28. Good Works for God’s Glory – Matthew 5:16

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- I. God Will Be Glorified – Now and Later – Phil. 2:9-11; 1 Cor. 10:31
 - A. What is the Chief End of Man?
 - 1. To glorify God – to praise, honor, adore, give thanks, give credit, acknowledge.
 - 2. To enjoy Him forever – Isaiah 65:17-25
 - B. Glorified in Mercy and Wrath – Romans 9:14-18, 22-24
 - 1. That My name might be declared in all the earth
 - 2. To make His power known
 - 3. That He might make know the riches of His glory
- II. Let Your Light Shine – Matt. 5:16
 - A. The Light Shines in Your Good Works – Eph. 2:8-10
 - 1. The Source of Light and Good Works – The Lord Jesus
 - 2. Living the Be-Attitudes
 - B. The Light Shines Before Men
 - 1. Not like the Pharisees – Matt. 6:1-4
 - a. Speaks to motive, not audience
 - b. Morris Quote #1
 - c. France Quote #2
 - 2. Standing Out for God’s Glory – Morris Quote #3
- III. For the Glory of God – Matt. 5:16
 - A. Not for Self-Righteous Recognition – 2 Cor. 6:19-20
 - B. Not to Be Emulated – they glorify God, not you – Rom. 15:5-7
 - C. To Demonstrate God’s Rule in Your Life – France Quote #4 – Col. 3:12-17
- IV. When Will They Glorify God?
 - A. In the Day of Visitation – 1 Peter 2:11-12
 - 1. Now they will speak against you as evil doers
 - a. Murder, cannibalism, blood drinkers, etc.
 - b. This should be slander – 1 Peter 4:14-16
 - c. This is Your opportunity to glorify God!
 - 2. At the Day of Judgment – France Quote #5
 - B. At Conversion – Rom. 15:8-13; 2 Cor. 9:10-15

Quotes

Morris Quote #1 – “No parade of virtue, no attempt to win praise for oneself – it is the light that is to shine, not those privileged to be the bearers of the light.”

France Quote #2 – “The ostentatious performance of religious acts in order to win approbation is not at all the same thing as a life of conspicuous goodness lived in the public arena so that people cannot help noticing.”

Morris Quote #3 – “People will always see the deeds that disciples do, and disciples are to make sure that when that takes place it is the light they will see, and that they will see it in such a way that they will praise God.”

France Quote #4 – “The goal of disciples’ witness is not that others emulate their way of life, or applaud their probity, but that they recognize the source of their distinctive lifestyle. The aim of discipleship is not so much the betterment of life on earth as the implementation of the reign of God.”

France Quote #5 – “All people will have to confess God’s powerful displays in His people, that is, ‘give glory to God,’ on that day, even if they have not previously acknowledged His rightness. ‘Gove glory to God’ is an exhortation to acknowledge God’s justice and righteousness by a full confession before execution.”

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Cross References

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Isaiah 65:17-25

17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying. 20 “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, And their offspring with them. 24 “It shall come to

pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the Lord.

Romans 9:14-18

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

Romans 9:22-24

22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matthew 6:1-4

6 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Romans 15:5-7

5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 Peter 2:11-12

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 4:14-16

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Romans 15:8-13

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." 10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" 11 And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, 14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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