

2 Corinthians 3:16–18
Why did God Make Us?
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. We are here to Make Much of Jesus

Westminster Shorter Catechism; answer to Question 1

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

B. The Good News of Jesus Christ:

1. God – Creator
2. **Man**
3. Jesus
4. Response

II. God/Man: Why were We Created?

A. Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:26–27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make **man** *in our image*, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So **God created man** *in his own image*, in the *image* of God he created him; male and female he created them.

1. unlike God (creature)
2. like God (God's Image)

C. Sinners

Genesis 3:1–8

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the

fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

John 5:44

⁴⁴ How can you believe, when you receive *glory from one another* and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

John 12:42–43

⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities *believed in him*, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so *that they would not be put out of the synagogue*; ⁴³ for they loved the *glory that comes from man* more than the glory that comes from God.

Key Idea

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. We are restored to this by looking at Jesus and beginning, more and more, to reflect his glory and enjoy his glory.

III. Jesus became the Perfect Image of God

A. The Perfect Man/Servant

Colossians 1:15a

¹⁵ He is the **image** of the *invisible God*...

Hebrews 1:3a

³ He is the **radiance** of the *glory of God* and the exact imprint of his nature...

Philippians 2:5–8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, *did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped*, ⁷ but made himself nothing, *taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men*. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross.

John 8:54

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. *It is my Father who glorifies me*, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’”

B. Redemption & Propitiation

Romans 3:23–25a

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the **glory of God**, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, *to be received by faith*.

IV. We are Restored by Seeing God’s Glory in

Jesus

A. Repent & Believe

Romans 2:6–8

⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing **seek for glory and honor and immortality**, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are **self-seeking** and do not obey

the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, *are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.* For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4, 6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing *the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* ...

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

B. Follow (Discipleship)

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and *give glory to your Father* who is in heaven.

I Will Glory in My Redeemer By Steve and Vikki Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle’s wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I’ll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold