

The Glory of God
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Scriptures:

- John 1:14, 16, 23, 29
- 2 Corinthians 3:7, 8
- 2 Corinthians 3:6-18, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4
- Isaiah 53:2, 3
- John 12:27, 28
- John 1:6-8
- John 6:29
- John 6:29, *NLT*
- John 20:31, *NLT*
- John 20:31
- Matthew 5:14-17
- Matthew 3:1-12
- John 3:27, 30
- 2 Corinthians 12:10

Summary:

We live in an environment trapped in self-effort. Most people have a mindset established in the Law of Moses, which demands obedience to a list of rules that are impossible to keep; trying to abide by these leaves us feeling ashamed and condemned. Although the law was perfect and glorious, it was only temporary; the current covenant of grace, which is eternal, is even more glorious. Unlike the law, which requires us to work hard to change ourselves, grace transforms us into Jesus' image without any striving on our part. The Book of John shows the importance of believing instead doing as the path to receiving eternal life; in it, John the Baptist emphasized the necessity of faith in Jesus Christ as the Messiah. The all-encompassing grace that Jesus offers us applies to all areas of our lives, not just for the times when we fall short. Accepting it gives us more than enough provision for overwhelming, abundant life that was never possible under the law.

Notes:

1. Focusing on Jesus helps us to live godly and spread the ministry of the new covenant. He's the Word made flesh and the glory of the Father.
2. Jesus fulfilled the law and then abolished it; He was the one Isaiah prophesied about. John the Baptist was sent to bear witness to Jesus. The name "John" translates into "God is gracious."
3. We no longer need to work hard to please God; for salvation, we simply believe in Jesus. If anything more than believing was required for eternal life, it would've been mentioned in the Book of John, which was written specifically to show the way to eternal life.
4. The books of Matthew and John focused on different things. The Book of Matthew focused on legalism and the law; the Book of John focused on bearing witness to Jesus, the true light of the world, and believing in Him.

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