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Philippians 4: 20: Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Proposition: Every child of God, saved by grace, says, "*Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*"

What is it to glory only in God and our Father? Christ teaches his people to glory in God our Father. He declares in

Psalm 34: 1: I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2: My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:...

TO GLORY IN GOD OUR FATHER IS TO PRAISE HIM ALONE

Psalm 34: 1: I will bless the LORD...

Philippians 4: 20: Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen

We do not give glory to God if we credit ourselves with even one work. To give God our Father glory is to give him all the glory for every aspect of our salvation.

God the Father chose his people in Christ. God the Father loved his people in Christ when even we fell in sin and did not love him. God the Father gave his only begotten Son, the propitiation for our sins. God the Father raised all his elect up together in him and made us sit together in heavenly places. God the Father sent the gospel to us and revealed the riches of his grace to us in Christ Jesus. God the Father accepts his people in the Beloved and has preserved us in Christ Jesus and shall receive us fully into his glorious presence in the last day. *Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen*

TO GLORY IN GOD AND OUR FATHER IS TO GLORY IN HIM AT ALL TIMES

Psalm 34: 1: I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

That means in happy times or sad, good days and bad. On the cross, our Substitute bore shame, suffering and sorrow like no one ever bore. He said, "Is there any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger?" Christ knew it was God who Judged him and afflicted him when he bore the sin of God's elect. But Christ justified God, declaring "I am a worm and no man...but thou art Holy!" Christ glorified God on the cross more than any ever has or shall ever by trusting God his Father to justify him when God was satisfied.

Psalm 22: 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, 8 He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. 9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts....18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. 19: But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Isaiah 50: 7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. 8 *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* mine adversary? let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

To glorify God is to do the things Paul stated in Philippians 4 no matter the providence God sends our way and to do so always.

Philippians 4 :4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Brethren, when we murmur and complain about the providence God sends or we do not glory in God and our Father then we strive with our Maker! But when we rejoice in the Lord come what may--content in whatever state we are in--when we are patient knowing the Lord is at hand--when we thank him and let our request be made known to him--then we glory in God and our Father. The peace of God shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Christ did this on the cross. He gave God his Father glory by trusting him and God the Father honored his trust by hearing him and justifying him.

Psalm 34: 3: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4: I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears....6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

TO GLORIFY GOD AND OUR FATHER IS TO DO SO FROM THE NEW HEART

Psalm 34: 2: My soul shall...

God looks on the heart. Christ glorified God the Father with a perfect heart in perfection. We believe and worship God in the new spirit God has created within us. Christ's redeemed, born again of the Holy Spirit, are given a pure, holy heart by God. It is in this new heart that we give God all the glory--"*My SOUL shall make her boast in the LORD.*"

TO GLORIFY GOD AND OUR FATHER IS TO BOAST IN HIM

Psalm 34: 2: My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:

We have no reason to boast in self. But we have every reason to make our boast in God our Father.

Romans 11: 36: For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

Spiritual life? Christ said we must be born again of the Holy Spirit. Is spiritual life God's gift to us? Or do we give ourselves spiritual life? It is of God!

John 1: 12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: 13: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Faith? Is faith of us or does God work faith in us? It is the gift of God!

Ephesians 2: 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Righteousness? Do we justify ourselves by our obedience to the law or did Christ justify us by his obedience? Christ alone! Paul said, he wanted to

Philippians 3:9...be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by

Holiness and good works? Are good works of us or does God work them in us? Good works are of God!

Ephesians 2: 10: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 4: 20: Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 4: For who maketh thee to differ *from another?* and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?

1 Corinthians 1: 29: That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Jeremiah 9: 23: Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: 24: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Be sure to get this: only those saved by God and our Father alone--beginning to end--glory in God and our Father alone. Those who claim to have believe on Christ by their own will glory in their will rather than God's will who blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ according as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world. Those who claim righteousness or holiness by their works glory in self rather than Christ who is the Righteousness and Holiness God our Father has provided for his people. To glory in God and our Father is to boast that our salvation is all of God our Father in Christ his Son alone!

TO GLORY IN GOD AND OUR FATHER IS TO GLORY IN WHAT HE WORKS IN OUR BRETHREN

Philippians 4: 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Marking a brothers sins and shortcomings and murmuring to one another about that is to be critical of God's workmanship. Instead, behold in brethren the good God has worked in them and give God the glory.

They are God's workmanship. Christ gives grace in measure according to Ephesians 4. Not all have the same fruit. So for us to be critical is like criticizing another parent's child or criticizing some work of art a man produced. Give God and our Father the glory for the good he has worked in your brethren because we are each his workmanship.

TO GLORY IN GOD AND OUR FATHER IS TO GLORY ONLY IN HIS SON

Christ said, "I and my Father are one." "He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father that sent him." So believing on Christ and giving Christ all the glory is how we give God and our Father all the glory. We glory in God's name when we glory in Christ's name. And we have every reason to glory in Christ's name. His name conveys everything we need.

Jehovah-hoseenu — “The Lord our Maker” (Psa. 95:6; 1 Sam. 12:22).

Jehovah-jireh – “The Lord Will Provide” (Gen. 22:14).

Jehovah-nissi — “The Lord our Banner” (Exo. 17:15).

Jehovah-rapha – “The Lord that Healeth Thee” (Ex 15:26).

Jehovah-shalom — “The Lord Our Peace” (Joel 6:22-24).

Jehovah-raah — “The Lord Our Shepherd” (Psa. 23:1).

Jehovah-tsidkenu – “The Lord Our Righteousness” (Jer. 23:6).

Jehovah-m’kaddesh — “The Lord that doth sanctify you” (Exo. 31:13).

Jehovah-shammah — “The Lord is there” (Ezek. 48:35).

Jehovah-Jesus — “The Lord our Savior” (Matt 1:21).

This is the fact of the matter: those in whom God has revealed his Son, shall glory in his Son and in him alone.

Isaiah 45:25: In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isaiah 43:7: Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Psalms 35:27: Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

So each of God's saints say from the heart, *“Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Amen!