

# God's Glory in God's Word - Introduction

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Today, we begin a long journey through the Bible. The goal is to take what we've learned over the past 2 ½ years, and gain:

- A better appreciation for God's Word
- A better understanding of God's Word
- A better application of God's Word

**Rather than verse by verse study, an overview approach will be used to consider:**

- Major themes: God's sovereignty, the fall of man, God's creative and redeeming work
- People of the Bible
- Culture
- Geography
- Biblical vocabulary
- Different viewpoints among those holding to inerrancy – doctrinal considerations
- Your questions

**We will apply the things we have learned over the last 2 ½ years. Examples:**

- We will consider the importance of a right worldview in shaping our understanding of God's Word.
- We will consider themes that help shape Baptist distinctives throughout redemptive history.
- We will apply the hermeneutical rules we considered to help us think about controversial passages.

**Recall the things we have studied:**

## July 2017: Worldview

### **Presuppositions**

*"People have presuppositions... By 'presuppositions' we mean the basic way that an individual looks at life- his worldview. The grid through which he sees the world. Presuppositions rest upon that which a person considers to be the truth of what exists. A person's presuppositions provide the basis for their values- and therefore the basis for their decisions". Francis Schaeffer*

### **A Biblical worldview presupposes:**

1. There is a God.
2. He is Perfect – without fault or error.
3. He has revealed Himself in the Bible.
4. The Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God.
5. His Word is Truth
6. Contradictions to His Word are false

### **3 Things That Shape Our Worldview**

1. Natural vs Supernatural
2. Absolute Truth vs Relativism
3. God vs the World

## June 2018: Baptist Distinctives

1. Doctrines of Grace
  - a. Total Depravity
  - b. Unconditional Election
  - c. Limited Atonement
  - d. Irresistible Grace
  - e. Perseverance of the Saints

2. Baptist Covenant Theology
  - a. Who is the Church?
  - b. Who should be baptized and how?
  - c. Who is Israel?

### **May 2019: How to Study Your Bible**

1. Why?
  - Inspiration of Scripture
  - Sufficiency of Scripture
  - Authority of Scripture
  
2. How?
  - The Role of the Teacher
  - The Role of Confessions
  - The Role of the Student
  - The Role of Hermeneutics (Interpretive Principles)
  - The Role of Bible Study Tools
  
3. What?
  - Understanding the Canon
  - Understanding Textual Criticism
  - Understanding Translations

**The name of our study is “God’s Glory in God’s Word”. The primary focus of God’s revelation is the revealing of His glory in history.**

#### ***His Glory in Creation***

*The heavens declare the **glory** of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.* Psalms 19:1

*"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive **glory** and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." Revelation 4:11*

#### ***His Glory in Redemption***

*Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory**, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:5-7*

*In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might **be to the praise of his glory**.* Ephesians 1:11-12

*He is the radiance of the **glory** of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,* Hebrews 1:3

#### ***His Glory in Worship***

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD **glory** and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the **glory due his name**; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.* Psalms 29:1-2

#### ***His Glory in Everything***

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do **all** to the **glory** of God.* 1 Corinthians 10:31