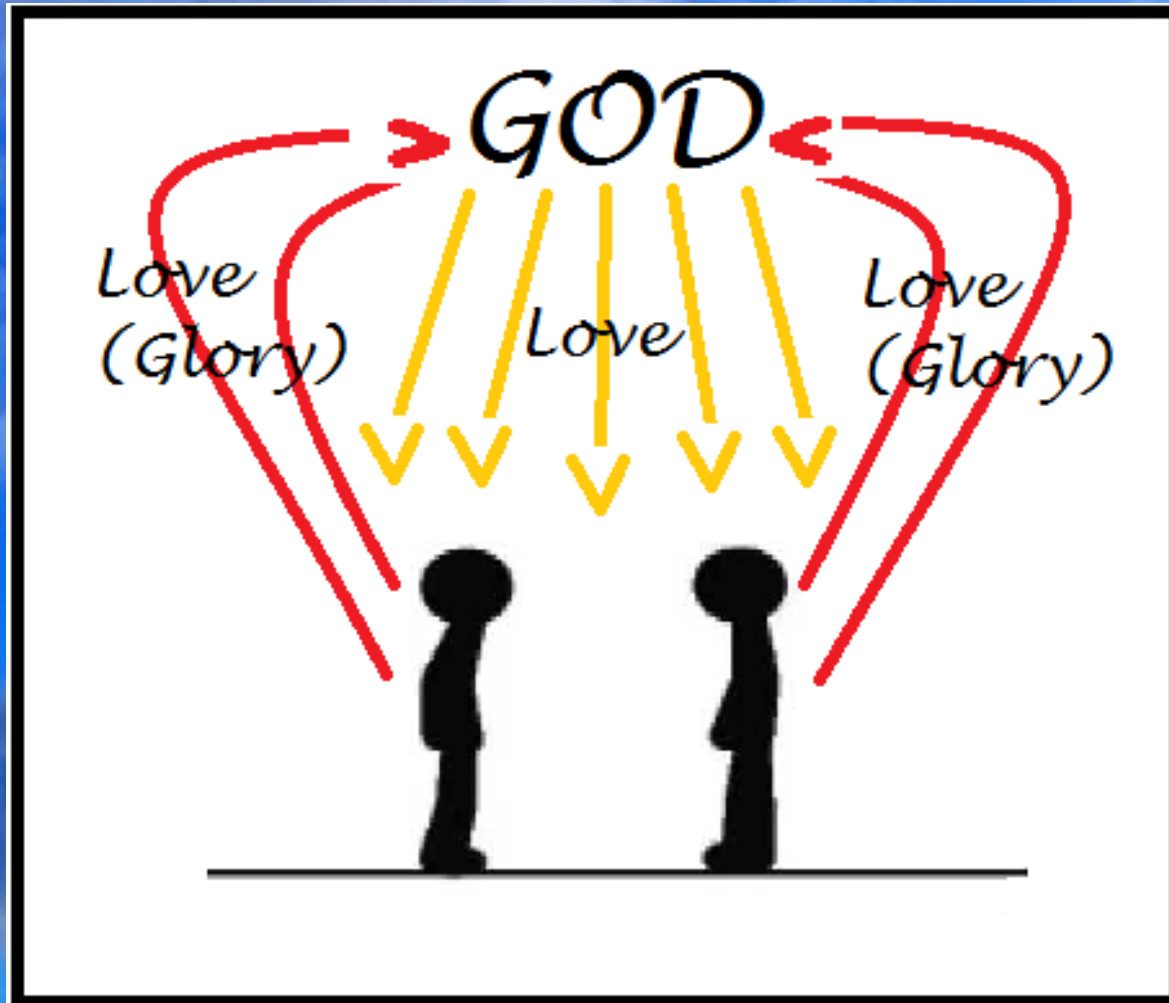


# **It's All About the Glory!**

What is our purpose in this  
Christian life??!!

Why do we come here for the  
feast each year?

**Our goal as a Christian is to...Bring Glory  
to GOD!**



**Is there anything else, other than us, that was designed to bring GLORY to GOD?**



# **GOD created the universe and all that is in it! What is ITS purpose?**

*Psalm 19:1-4 (New Living Translation)*

*1. The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 3 They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.*

- Proclaim the glory
- Display his craftsmanship
- Speak of him
- Make him known

*\*This is how the universe  
shows glory to GOD!\**



**Check this out!!**

[http://www.youtube.com  
/watch?v=9xrHAt3SDdA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xrHAt3SDdA)

# **Just like the universe, GOD created us to bring glory to him in all that we do!**

Isaiah 43:7 (New Living Translation) 7 Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.”

Romans 2: 14, 15 (New Living Translation)

14. Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. 15 They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

# Something to think about...

Acts 17:24-25 (New Living Translation) <sup>24</sup> “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, <sup>25</sup> and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

- If **GOD** doesn’t need anything from us, then why should we glorify him?
- What does it do then?



# How do We give glory to GOD?!

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

Wait...what does that mean?

So everything we do should be done in a way that it brings glory to GOD?

Yes!!

\*Remember that glory to GOD can be in the form of many things\*

# What are some ways we can bring glory to GOD?



# Can we bring glory to GOD by loving others?



Let me tell you a story....

# **Out of all the ways to bring glory to GOD why choose this one?**

**Matthew 22:36-40 (New Living Translation)**<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.<sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Two Main Ideas:

**Love GOD!!!**

**Love your neighbors!!!**

# A Good Analogy

## John 15: 1-8 (New Living Translation)

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. <sup>3</sup> You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. <sup>7</sup> But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! <sup>8</sup> When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great **GLORY** to my Father.

# GOD's grapevine

The grapevine...

-Explains the role of GOD,  
Jesus, and ourselves

Parts of the grapevine...

- Vine (Jesus)
- Branches (Us)
- Leaves (Various attempts)
- Grapes (those that find  
GOD through you)



# Back to story time!

One way to produce fruit is to simply notice those around us and share the love that GOD gives us.

\*Ideally these should be people that need someone and need GOD\*

Start small:

- Be willing to talk to everyone
- Talk to those people no one talks to
- Listen instead of talking
- Open your eyes to all people
- Go outside your family, friends, and neighbors every so often
- Mostly try to be uncomfortable in a good way.

# Summary!

GOD made us to give glory to him in all that we do!

GOD doesn't need anything from us, but we give glory because he asks us too, and we need it.

GOD explains that one way to bring him glory is to love our neighbors.

Loving our neighbor involves helping those that we wouldn't normally be comfortable spending time with.

**\*Challenge!\***