Glory - cont.

"And I was still unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: but they only heard say, He that once persecuted us now preaches the faith of which he once made havoc; and they glorified God in me" (Galatians 1:22-24)

Sixth, the gospel power to bring people together and unite them shows the wisdom and glory of God.

"Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus: that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, even as Christ also received you, to the glory of God" (Romans 15:5-7)

Lastly, when God's will is accomplished in the lives and deaths of godly individuals, his wisdom and glory is shown.

"I glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do. And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:4-5)

Glory - cont.

Is God Glorified in You?

Friend, are you living the faithful Christian life that shows the wisdom and glory of God? Being a faithful member of the New Testament church does indeed glorify God and show his wisdom. Let this be what you show the world every day! - Chris Reeves -

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

- Ephesians 3:8-11 -

When you read in Ephesians 3 about "the church", you are reading about what we call the universal church; all Christians, of all time, and in all places (Ephesians 3:10,21). Paul was writing about how that God is glorified by the lives of all Christians. To "glorify" means to praise, magnify, extol, or hold in honor. The faithful living of all Christians glorifies God.

Paul wrote that the church shows the wisdom of God and the glory of God. Let's take a look in this article how God's wisdom is displayed in the church and how God is glorified in the church.

God's Wisdom and Glory in the Church

Wherein is the wisdom and the glory of God shown in the church? First, the teaching of the gospel that transforms the lives of sinners shows the wisdom and glory of God. When Jesus taught the gospel, God was glorified.

"And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all" (Luke 4:15)

"And fear took hold on all: and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet is arisen among us: and, God hath visited his people" (Luke 7:16)

Second, when the offer of salvation from sin was given to all mankind and accepted by some, the wisdom and glory of God was shown.

"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and straightway took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion" (Mk. 2:10-12)

"And when they heard these things, they held

their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18)

Third, when God offered the world a true Savior in Jesus Christ, his wisdom and glory was shown.

"And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost. And when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man" (Lk. 23:46-47)

Fourth, when a person rejects the popular wisdom of man and accepts the unpopular wisdom of God (the foolishness of the gospel), then God's wisdom and glory are shown.

"that no flesh should glory before God. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:29-31)

Fifth, the power of the gospel to change all mankind, even the worst of sinners like Saul of Tarsus (Paul), shows the wisdom and glory of God.