

"GLORIFIED IN GRACE ALONE!" - MARCH 21, 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
JEREMIAH 31:31-34; HEBREWS 5:5-10; JOHN 12:20-33
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

We live in a world of high expectations. Many things are expected of us - home and work and family. We in turn have high expectations of others. Part of our expectation is hard work, commitment and loyalty will be rewarded and recognized. We appreciate being appreciated. So do those around us. So does God! How are you at making God first? How are you at giving God the glory? Do you have high expectations of God? Do you believe God exceeds your expectations? Do you know God has high expectations of you? To meet our expectations, to meet God's expectations, to glorify the grace of God, Christ came to save us. As you glorify God and praise his holy name, trust you are alive and anew, lifted up, glorified with the gift of salvation, glorified in grace alone!

1. To glorify God, to glorify The Christ, is to give praise and honor for God's grace alone! Jeremiah 31:32-33; John 12:25-27
 - A. We live in a world that craves and invites us to seek out and to hunger for our own praise and honor.
 - B. Humility, making God and others first, is honorable. Being humble glorifies God. God expects the glory!
 - C. Lifting up God's grace alone, surrendering to God's grace alone, proclaiming God's grace alone, gives God glory!

2. In praising God, we are to glorify the One who is already glorified, to glorify The Christ, The One glorified in grace alone! Jeremiah 31:33-34; John 12:28
 - A. We glorify God and what God has done, when we glorify The Christ, and when we lift up and glorify others.
 - i. Unless a grain of wheat falls and dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. John 12:24

- ii. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life will keep it for eternal life. John 12:25
 - B. We glorify God and what God has done, when we tell others how The Christ is glorified through all God does in grace alone.
 - i. Others are wanting to see Jesus. Others are hearing the voice, and they want to know more. John 12:21
 - ii. No longer shall they say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they will all know me. Jeremiah 31:34
- 3. John 12:32 - Jesus comes to be lifted up to draw all people to himself in salvation, to glorify us and to lift us up out from judgment. In God's grace alone, let us glorify God and all that is already glorified. Trust God is truly glorified, saving us in the grace of Jesus Christ!