

“Obey to Glorify and Honor the Father and Son—Part 3”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Dec. 20, 2025.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued (and finished) a series. The title was “Obey to Glorify and Honor the Father and Son—Part 3.” This series was related to a presentation that I gave on Saturday, Oct. 18. In that presentation, I presented three reasons why we obey God.

Those three reasons were the following.

- To Be Blessed Now
- To Be Blessed at the Resurrection
- To Glorify and to Honor the Father and the Son

When I covered the concept of being blessed now, I gave two presentations. When I covered the concept of being blessed at the resurrection, I gave three presentations. When I covered the concept of glorifying and honoring the Father and the Son, I gave three studies.

- Part 1 was about “The Father and Son Glorify and Honor Each Other.”
- Part 2 was about “The Father and Son Glorify and Honor Themselves Through Flawed People.”
- Part 3 was about “Glorify and Honor the Father and Son Through Words and Actions.”

(The first two parts focused upon how the Father and Son do the glorifying. Part 3 mentioned how we can glorify the Father and Son. It is my belief that the Father and Son do most of the glorifying, but children of God also have a small part in it.)

Father and Son

Here is a verse about glorifying the Father.

- 1 Timothy 1:17—Now to the King (eternal, immortal, invisible), to God (who alone is wise) be honor and glory forever and ever.

Here are five verses about honoring the Son.

■ 1 Timothy 2:5-6—This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior (who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth). For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men—the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.

■ Hebrews 2:9—We see Jesus (who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death) crowned with glory and honor—that He (by the grace of God) might taste death for everyone.

■ Revelation 3:21—The Son of God said: “To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

■ John 9:24-29—The Pharisees told the blind man (who was healed) to “give God the glory” instead of giving credit to Christ. The Pharisees hated Christ. The Pharisees claimed to be “Moses’ disciples” and disregarded Christ.

■ John 13:31-32—The Son said: “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.”

Glorify with private actions

Let’s notice only a few verses that show how the children of God glorify the Father and Son with private actions.

■ Psalm 51:1-19—David wrote a beautiful psalm revealing his action of repentance before the Lord.

■ Acts 2:38—On the Day of Pentecost, the children of God expressed their repentance and were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

■ Matthew 6:1-4—The Son of God taught that the Father in Heaven would notice their private actions—which were done to please Him.

Glorify with public actions

Let’s notice only a few verses that show how the children of God glorify the Father and Son with public actions.

■ Matthew 5:14-16—The Son of God instructed the disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

■ 1 Peter 2:11-12—Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul (having your conduct honorable among the gentiles) that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may (by your good works which they observe) glorify God in the day of visitation.

■ 1 Peter 4:16—If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Glorify with words

Notice some examples of praising the Father and Son with our words.

■ Psalm 22:1-21—Here are some words spoken by David that he said privately to God—(with Christ quoting the first verse publicly on the cross in the New Testament Gospel accounts).

■ Psalm 22:22—David referred to public praise when he said: “I will declare Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise You.”

■ Psalm 22:25—David referred to public praise when he said: “My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.”

■ Psalm 50:14-15—Offer thanksgiving to God.

■ Psalm 113:1-3

■ Psalm 145:1-21

■ Psalm 146:1-10

■ Psalm 147:1-20

■ Psalm 148:1-14

■ Psalm 149:1-9

■ Psalm 150:1-6

■ Romans 15:5-6—“May the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus—that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”