

How to Magnify God by John Piper
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I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. (Psalm 69:30)

There are two kinds of magnifying: microscope magnifying and telescope magnifying. The one makes a small thing look bigger than it is. The other makes a big thing begin to look as big as it really is.

When David says, "I will magnify God with thanksgiving," he does not mean, "I will make a small God look bigger than he is." He means, "I will make a big God begin to look as big as he really is."

We are not called to be microscopes. We are called to be telescopes. Christians are not called to be con-men who magnify their product out of all proportion to reality, when they know the competitor's product is far superior. There is nothing and nobody superior to God. And so the calling of those who love God is to make his greatness begin to look as great as it really is.

That's why we exist, why we were saved, as Peter says in 1 Peter 2:9, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, *that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*"

The whole duty of the Christian can be summed up in this: feel, think, and act in a way that will make God look as great as he really is. Be a telescope for the world of the infinite starry wealth of the glory of God.

This is what it means for a Christian to magnify God. But you can't magnify what you haven't seen or what you quickly forget.

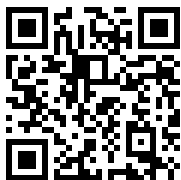
Therefore, our first task is to see and to remember the greatness and goodness of God. So we pray to God, "Open the eyes of my heart!" (Ephesians 1:18), and we preach to our souls, "Soul, forget not all his benefits!" (Psalm 103:2).

Events

TODAY

College & Career Lunch 1 PM
Chorale Practice 7:30 PM
12/5 Small Groups 7:15 PM
12/7 - 8 LAST CALL Photo
Directory Pictures
12/9 7th/8th Christmas Party
12/9 College & Career
Christmas Party 7:30 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

— Sunday School 9:30 am
— Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
— Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
— Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
**(Chorus) O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

(Chorus)

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one

(Chorus)

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one

(Chorus)

O Alleluia! Alleluia! O Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! O Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Scripture Reading

John 14:15-31, page 901

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#544 How Sweet the Name

Preparatory

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy Name, O Jesus be forever blessed
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Stu Johnston

All Creatures of Our God and King

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on His way
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Bob Prentice

Opening Hymn

Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as dark as could be. Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He.
Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed.

(Chorus)

**Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me, buried He carried my sins far
away.**

**Rising, He justified, freely forever. One day He's coming; oh, glorious day,
oh, glorious day!**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me!

(Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.

One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose; over death He had conquered. Now is ascended, my Lord
evermore!

Death could not hold Him! The grave could not keep Him from rising again!

(Chorus)

Oh, glorious day! Glorious day!

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming!

One day the skies with His glories will shine!

Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing My Savior, Jesus is mine!

(Chorus)

Oh, glorious day! Glorious day!

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40, page 599

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#129 Fairest Lord Jesus

Preparatory

#387 I Love to Tell the Story

Sermon

Pastor Michael Lopes