

It's All About God

Session #13 – The Glorious Church

“It is God’s purpose to have a people who belong to him, a people who seek to do his will, a people who strive to exemplify the excellence of Christ – his great love, kindness and faithfulness. It is evident that it is God’s will (as Jesus expressed it) that we be a people through whom his light can shine in the world; a people whose works bring glory to God. (Matt. 5:16).
- E. H. Ljams, *Principles for Victorious Christian Living*, Vol. 4, 1968

Thinking It Over

When you hear the phrase “the glorious church,” what comes to your mind?
How do you think those outside the church might react to that phrase? Why?

Are there ever times when either our congregation or ourselves as individual Christians are less than glorious?

Exploring the Text – Ephesians 5:25-27

We don’t often think of ourselves as “spotless” or “blameless” do we?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3 and 4:25-5:7 to see the sins Christians in Ephesus had battled.

Notice how “glory” is used in scripture – John 1:14, 2:11, 17:22-24, Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 2:7, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, and Ephesians 3:21. What can we learn from this word study?

Bringing It Home

When we describe the church as “glorious,” what are we really saying?