



FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME • ROMANS 1:5

In Romans 1:5, Paul credits his apostleship and various missional pursuits all for the “sake of God’s name.” Although he calls for faithful obedience from his hearers, this obedience is not Paul’s ultimate goal; instead, God’s great name—his glory—is Paul’s chief end. This glory of God is at the heart of Scripture, as God’s name is referenced and appealed to throughout the Old and New Testaments. Furthermore, we see these excellencies of God in his attributes, and even more so in his redemptive work of salvation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Ryan’s sermon he gave four points of application from Romans 1:5. First, he said that, as Christians, we have been graciously saved for the sake of Jesus’s name among others, which should encourage us to share the gospel *with* others. How does the glory of God’s name encourage us to share the gospel with others?
2. Secondly he noted that, although we are not ourselves apostles, we still have offices in our own lives that provide opportunities for us to glorify God. What are some of these offices in your own life (think parent, spouse, employee, etc...)? How do these positions offer us opportunities to make much of Christ’s name?
3. Thirdly, Ryan encouraged us to live *for* God’s glory by *beholding* his glory. What are some practical ways in which we can behold the glory of God in our own lives? And how does this beholding lead to greater belief in and obedience to the Lord?
4. Finally, as a result of these things, we are to make God’s great name known among the nations. How do you view your role in glorifying God among the nations? What are some ways that we can grow in having a missional mindset?
5. *Shaping Question: In light of this application, what will you do for the sake of God’s name?*