

## Past Due

**As we prepare for our annual business meeting tonight following the service, I need to address an important overlooked issue:**

**We are PAST DUE! Believe it or not, even with all the offerings and giving, we somehow overlooked some things and are now currently past due....**

**Before we address this issue. I would like us to read our text passage:**

**1 Chronicles 16:25-29** For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place. 28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

### Glory is Due

#### Introduction:

No one likes to be over due on their bills! I think it ought to be that Christians of all people can be trusted with their bills. Sadly though it is the Christians and churches that have the worst reputations! We have a bill due today! That which is due is glory to God's name:

**The Bible tells us to pay our dues when it comes to praising each other:**

**Proverbs 3:27** Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

**Proverbs 27:2** Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

#### **MORE IMPORTANTLY WE OUGHT TO GIVE GLORY TO GOD:**

**Psalms 29:1-2** Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**Psalms 96:8** Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

## Three Things About Giving of Glory to God

### 1. Glory is DUE (past due)

**Revelation 5:12** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

**Revelation 4:11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

**Isaiah 43:1-7(7)** *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

## WHY AM I HERE?

### 1. For the Praise of God

**Isaiah 43:7** *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

**Psalms 150:1-6** (6) Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

### 2. Finding The Pleasure of God

**Revelation 4:11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

### 3. To Fulfill the Purpose of God

**Psalms 8:4-6** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

Glory is due because of what He has already done:

- **Our Soul**

**Psalms 103:1-8** Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; *so that* thy youth is renewed

like the eagle's. 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

- **Our Church**
- **Our Families**
- **America**

Freedom, liberty, blessings, wealth...

**O that we would pay our dues today and give Him glory!**

**I Corinthians 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Psalms 107:1-6** O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses

**Psalms 107:8** Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

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## 2. Give Glory Delightfully

**2 Corinthians 8:9-12** For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. **10** And herein I give *my* advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. **11** Now therefore perform the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have. **12** For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.

Here you find the giving chapters of the New Testament : **9:15**  
In the midst of giving we are reminded of God's greatest gift and its cost:

(9)For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich

**Paul tells us that because of this we have the following advice:**

(10) And herein I give *my* advice

Give.... WILLINGLY! (11-12)

The reason we do not Give what is due to God is because we DON'T WANT TO!

That's why for someone WILLING it is only their **Reasonable service** – **Rom 12:1**

**We ought to be lining up to praise our wonderful Creator, Saviour, and Father....**

**2 Corinthians 9:7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

## 3. Give Glory Daily

**Psalms 68:19** Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

**Hebrews 13:15** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

Glory is DUE, PAST DUE!