

Boasting

In the New Testament the word boasting and the word to glory are sometimes the same Greek word. Also occasionally the word for boasting or glorying is translated to rejoice, but not every word for rejoicing means boasting.

1. Read Jeremiah 9:23-24
What are the things we are not to glory or boast of? Is this what we find in the world in these days or do men boast in their wisdom, power and wealth?
What is the thing that we are to boast of? What should we know of God that we can boast of?
What is God's response when we boast aright?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-31
What has God chosen to confound the wise? Why? (vs 29)
What has God made available for us? (vs 30)
What is the means by which God has chosen to save people?
How is it to be declared to men? Is it to fit in with their requirements or God's?
3. Read Philippians 3:3-14
What was Paul's rejoicing? What was the basis of his worship? What had he no confidence in?
Had he had confidence in the flesh? Would this confidence have been justified in the opinion of the Jews according to the law? (read Romans 4:2 for a comment on being justified by the law)
What did Paul do with that which had been his confidence?
On what ground was he now going to stand before God? (vs 9)
Did this mean that Paul was going to settle back in what He had received, or move on with the Lord?
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-10
What is our salvation based on? Why cannot we boast in it?
Can we boast on the good works that will follow? Read 2 Corinthians 10:13-18 for the answer.
Where must our commendation come from?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:12, 1 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 1:3
What was that in which Paul rejoiced (boasted)?
What must the testimony (state) of our consciences be before God?
What is the end of the commandment? (What God really requires of us)
Read Micah 6:8 (we read it the other week) to see how 1 Timothy 1:5 and Micah 6:8 compare.
6. Read 1 Corinthians 3:21 and 4:7
What are we not to boast of? Where has all the blessing in our life come from?
How should we boast about it?
7. Read Romans 5:1-5
What have we with God? Through Whom? Is this of grace?
What do we rejoice (boast) in? But what else did Paul say we gloried (boasted) in? Why?
Did this give Paul and us hope in two ways? What are the two ways?
When the love of God works in our lives does this mean that our boasting in the Lord is not vain?
8. Read James 3:1-18 In this famous chapter about the tongue and what it speaks, see what it says in vs. 5 about what wrong boasting can cause.
9. Read Genesis 24:1-27 and Exodus 15 - for examples of people boasting in the Lord, and see where they sincerely place all the credit for what had happened to them.
Can you find another example of people rightly giving God the glory?