



-- **A Prayer for 2011:** "Lord, grant this congregation the wisdom to 'take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ' and the grace to be wonderfully, radically, and entirely Christ-centered in everything for your everlasting glory."

-- In the phrase "To live is (blank), and to die is gain," \_\_\_\_\_ is the only definition of life that makes the statement true.

-- **Authentic Christian living is radically \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Our hope is all about Jesus (1 Timothy 1:1).
- Our salvation is all about Jesus (Acts 4:12).
- Our identity is all about Jesus (Colossians 3:2-4).
- Our lives are all about Jesus (Galatians 2:20).
- Our fellowship is all about Jesus (Ephesians 2:13-14).
- The church is all about Jesus (Colossians 1:18).
- Our future is all about Jesus (Revelation 19:7-9).

**1.) Reaching out for the glory of God is all about \_\_\_\_\_**  
(1 Thessalonians 2:8).

- When we reach out as the church, we reach out in the place of Christ (Colossians 1:23-24).
- The church is the physical manifestation of Christ on earth.
- Reaching out is all about serving others as the body of Christ with the Spirit of Christ in order to exalt Christ and make Him known.

**2.) Welcoming in for the glory of God is all about \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:34-35).**

-- When we love one another, we manifest the character of Christ and validate that He is at work in us (John 17:22-23).

**3.) Building up for the glory of God is all about \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:22-24).**

-- In essence, God equips His people and calls us to serve so that the church will be built up as Christ's body (Eph. 4:11-13).

-- If our plan for growth is focused upon anything other than Jesus, it will be impossible for us to grow in any meaningful way.

**4.) Sending forth for the glory of God is all about \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:20-21).**

-- We are not to speak for ourselves, but rather on Christ's behalf.

-- Our message is not about us, but about Him who became sin for us.

-- Sending forth is about trusting in Christ's power to use us to proclaim Christ's message for Christ's glory.

**5.) For the glory of God is focused on \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 10:31).**

-- God the Father has established the church so that His Son will be eternally exalted above all things in all things for all time (Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18)

-- **The Father is most glorified when the Son is most \_\_\_\_\_.**

-- If our desire to glorify God does not exalt Jesus Christ above all, then we have misunderstood God's glory.

-- Everything we are and do as a church ought to aim to glorify God by making Jesus Christ our all in all.

-- The more we see Christ at the center of everything, the more we will see God's glory, know God's love, and experience God's joy.

-- **We should be radically centered in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ because we will be so \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 5:11-14).**

-- If we are not radically Christ-centered in this life and delighted in Him now, what makes us think we would even enjoy heaven?

-- However, to the degree that we are satisfied in Christ in this life, we can say with Paul, *“To me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*