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WCF Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Going Deeper:

Explore more names God has given you

- ▶ Deut. 7:6
- ▶ John 15:15
- ▶ 2 Cor. 5:17
- ▶ 2 Cor. 5:21
- ▶ Eph. 2:10
- ▶ Col. 3:12
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:9
- ▶ Jude 1
- ▶ Rev. 21:2

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