

## The Glory of God Part 2

*KJV 1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

**Everything a believer does should bring glory to God!**

The glory of God is both an **attribute and a manifestation!**

As an **attribute** it's a quality God possesses e.g. His Holiness, Majesty, Splendor, Excellence etc.

For the NT believer glory forms internally before it manifests externally!

*KJV Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until **Christ be formed in you**...!*

*KJV Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:*

Christ living inside the believer **the expectation of glory** an ongoing theme of Paul's!

Again, he says in **Eph 3:17-19** "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

**Paul says for us to understand the glory inside us we need a continuous revelation of God's love!**

Growing in Christ's love fills us with more of God, taking us to higher levels of glory and ultimately the fullness of God!

*Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.*

After we are **born-again** (born from above) we have a **new nature** with new **attributes** that come from God!

We are **new creations** (2 Cor 5:17) *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

God making us **new creations in Christ** is why there is a **new and greater expectation** God has for us, an expectation that we bring glory to His Name throughout the whole earth every day, not just at church.

*KJV 1 Corinthians 6:20* For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your **body**, and in your **spirit**, which are God's.

We need a glorious attitude (**internal**) about God and ourselves so the whole world can see (**externally**) the glory of God.

*KJV Philippians 4:13* I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

We can read our Bible's and pray daily, forgive, fast, be faithful etc. all through Christ who strengthens us daily.

God didn't give us Christ for us to accept **sickness, disease, poverty, lack, or a sinful wicked lifestyle—God is greater than that!**

*ESV 2 Corinthians 13:5* Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

We **must examine ourselves** check our hearts, look deeper into our own soul and see if we're truly in The Faith and glorifying God or NOT.

When the apostle Paul said, "**Christ in us the hope of glory**" (Col 1:27).

He was saying, when sinners receive Christ into their hearts, God gave us an incredible gift and with that gift **He has an incredible expectation!**

When parents have children they love, work hard to provide a wonderful home, safe environment, best education and many other sacrifices e.g. paying for tutors, paying for sports and taking them to games etc.

After putting **all this** into our children they **expect to see some glory come out of their lives!** This is how we **Honor** God & our parents sacrifice!

This is **exactly** what Paul is telling the church, The Father put Christ in us, and He expects to see more and more glory come from our lives!

*KJV 2 Corinthians 3:18* But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image **from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

We are to **grow and go from faith to faith and glory to glory!**

## **Sin, carnality, immaturity and selfishness covers up the glory!**

When Joshua took over for Moses **Israel was undefeated** in battle until one man got selfish, carnal and sinful—his name was Achan.

**Achan means “Troubler”** he was a troublemaker, while everyone else was fighting for what God wanted, he was stealing what he wanted!

Joshua asks God why they couldn't get the victory and give God the glory. God tells Joshua it was because of sin, carnality and selfishness.

Joshua has Israel stand before him tribe by tribe until they get to the Tribe of Judah and eventually Achan.

***Joshua 7:19** And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.*

***20** And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:*

**Achan confessing his sin brings glory to God because it acknowledges God's Word is True.**

***KJV 1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

***ESV Micah 7:18** Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.*

Jesus says in **Matt 5:14-16** *You are light for the world. A city cannot be hidden when it is located on a hill.*

***15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

***16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*