

The Glory of God Part 1!

ESV 1 Peter 4:11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Everything a believer does should bring glory to God!

What is the glory of God and why is it important to the believer?

Two things:

The glory of God is both an **attribute and a manifestation!** We'll talk about the attribute first.

As an attribute it's a quality God possesses: His Holiness, Majesty, Splendor and Excellence.

Because sin causes one to fall short of His glory (Rom 3:23) sin cannot be ignored!

Sin produces shame and shame is the opposite of glory!

Unconfessed sin is not covered by The Blood and causes The Father to look away and the glory and favor of God begins fading from our lives!

Sin comes between us & the glory! Since we reflect the glory of God!

KJV Habakkuk 1:13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

The Father looks at us through Jesus because He took our sin and nailed it to His cross! (John 14:6) **we come to The Father only by Christ!**

The moon radiates no light of its own, only reflects the light of the sun!

KJV Matthew 5:14 **Ye are the light** (glory) **of the world.**

KJV Matthew 5:16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

It is our good works that glorify God, not our fleshly carnal actions!

KJV Proverbs 4:18 **But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.**

As we grow in knowledge, we grow in faith & glory and the more we look like Christ!

God loves to look at what looks like Him; after all He made us in His image and likeness, when He finished, He said... *"it was good"*!

Because Jesus is coming back for a glorious church (Eph 5:27) **a church without the stain of sin, wrinkles of deterioration, sickness.**

Again, this speaks of The Church's **attributes**, our **qualities** the **inner beauty** that makes us an attractive bride!

The glory of God comes from who He is, the glory of a person comes from who they are at their core.

All outer glory comes from within!

God's glory on us is the manifested proof we're being changed by the Presence of God in 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.

Moses had to cover or veil his face so Israel couldn't look at a glory that was fading away (The Law).

As we read The Word, we experience the glory and being changed into the image of Christ going from one level of glory to the next.

The glory of God is seen on our faces as we go from glory to glory!

*KJV Matthew 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

Jesus allowed Peter, James & John to see what was inside Him, the glory and splendor of His nature and character!

God's glory isn't just a light show! Even Satan can transform himself into an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14).

Again, the glory of God is an **attribute**, a quality He possesses and a **manifestation** a revealing and demonstration of His power.

The character of God goes in us before the power can come out!

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But *we have this treasure in earthen vessels*, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

The **Face of Jesus Christ** is the outward expression of the inner qualities of Jesus that believers must show to the world.

The glory of God can and must be seen in our lives, our attitudes, character, wisdom, the use of our gifts etc.

The level of glory we present comes from how much revelation of God we have in us!

ESV Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

God hides Himself in the glory cloud of His Word, kings are glorified as they study the Word of God and discover how kings' rule and princes decree judgment! (Prov 8:13-16)

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