

Studies in Glory #3: The Glory of the Son

We are created for God's glory, and so our greatest aspiration should be to live lives that bring glory to our Father Creator, and to the Son our Savior. The rest of the world lives their lives practically oblivious even to God's existence. God's glory should affect our goals and purposes in life, as well as our daily living, careers, ethics, worship, family life, and even our natural citizenship.

The Eternal Son, the Word, was in Glory Before the Incarnation

Jn. 17:5 – "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

Jesus was Glorified in His Incarnation

Jn. 1:14 – "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Also 1 Jn. 1:1=2.

When the Son of God became a man, his full glory was masked temporarily – it was certainly not visible to the world as the fiery, brilliant light that we see elsewhere, but for those whose eyes were opened by the Father (for example, the disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, the blind man in the temple, the Syro-Phoenician woman, etc.), they could see that he was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, Healer, Savior, and the Light of the world. They were able to actually look him in the face and confess, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Loving God". We also, though not yet able to see him so distinctly, see him with the eyes of faith, and love him.

The Father Glorified Jesus Here on Earth

(This was covered last week, but it seems to fit here)

The Holy Spirit also Glorifies Jesus, Now

(This was also covered last week)

Jesus Glorified the Father During His Time on Earth, by Living in Complete Submission and Obedience to the Father

This shows that the Father and Son and Holy Spirit glorify one another. God is One, and from eternity has dwelt in heavenly glory, but during Jesus' time on earth, the Father audibly acknowledged him as his Son on several occasions, and Jesus glorified the Father by doing all that the Father commanded, and only that.

Jesus' glory was to bring glory to his Father, and the Spirit glories in bringing glory to the Son. We should apply this to ourselves – let him that glorieth, glory in the LORD (Jer. 9:24, 2 Cor. 10:17).

Jn. 4:34 – Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Jn. 5:19 – "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."

Jn. 8:28-29 – "... I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

Jn. 17:4 – "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

We can take a lesson from this, in that we can glorify God by living in submission and obedience to him also. This is what has been called the crucified life – we are to take up our cross daily, and die to our own goals and desires. (Lk. 14:27, 9:23-26)

Jesus is Glorified in His People

Isa. 60:1-2 – “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”

Do people see God’s glory in your face, or the same old depressed hopelessness as is in the world? If we have a living relationship with God, it should be observable – not in giddiness, but in peaceful and confident joy, and steadfastness. (Prov. 15:13, Eccl. 8:1)

Jn. 17:9-10 – “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

Jn. 17:20-22 – “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:”

His glory in us is not visible to us, but for eternity we will be glorified with Christ, and will even shine with that heavenly splendor where there is no need of sun or moon because the glory of the LORD will enlighten everything.

Jesus is Glorified Now (in Heaven) with the Father

Lk. 24:26 – “Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?”

Jn. 17:24 – “Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.”

Ac. 7:55-56 – “But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God.”

Rev. 1:12-18 – John describes Jesus in his glory, who then tells him what will be shown to him.

Jesus will be Glorified at His Coming

Dan. 7:13-14 – “I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”

Mt. 16:27 – “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”

Mt. 19:28 – “... in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Mt. 24:30 – “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

Mt. 25:31 – “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:”

Rev. 19:11-16