

Title: Glory In The Face Of Christ

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We thank you Jesus. Everybody say, "I have ears to hear and a heart to understand what the Spirit of the Lord is saying." Amen. We talk about the presence of God here all the time, in every way that we can, because we believe that the presence of God is why we exist. Yes, God, the Father and Jesus Christ, are in Heaven, waiting for us to come home to a beautiful inheritance. One day He will come to the planet. The great Holy Spirit is inside of the Church, inside of every saint, and inside of every believer. It's His charge, and it's His call and duty, to manifest the presence of God to us, to reveal the Spirit of grace, and to reveal the goodness of God to us. He is the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "The Spirit of Truth will come. He will lead you into all truth." He will not orphan us. The Spirit is coming to be with us and in us. He will be with us forever, amen.

It is our passion and desire to know and receive the presence of God, and recognize the presence of God. To understand how He is speaking to us. To see Him every day in the way He reveals Himself to us, individually and then corporately, correct? We have the blessing to be able to honor the presence of God, which will reveal the face of God. It's our desire to honor the presence of God which will reveal the person of God. It's our desire to host the presence of God to see the countenance of God. It's our desire to host the presence of God to see the glory of God in the face of Christ. We can see the glory of God in what He is doing. We can see the glory of God as He moves throughout the Earth. We can see the glory of God in all creation. We can see the glory of God in one another. When you're looking through the eyes of grace, and when you see through the Spirit of truth, you can see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Evil is rampant, but it is our charge, as the body of Christ and the Bride of Jesus, to behold Him and His glory. That's where our face is fixed like flint. To know His presence and for His glory to be revealed in us is not a dead work. It's not religion. It is living reality and is life to us. He is our life. The Scripture says, "When Christ who is our life appears, we will be with Him in glory."

Exodus 33:7-23 NKJV

This is Moses talking to the Lord. Hallelujah!

Second Corinthians 4:3-6 NKJV

It is amazing. You see the Old Testament encounter where the Lord God Almighty would come and speak with a man called Moses, who was destined to behold the glory of God and lead a nation out of bondage and into the promises that God had laid up for them. In this journey, God Almighty chose to manifest His glory to him. So much that the whole nation, the camp, and the tribe of Israel, would stand at a distance from their own tent door, from their own personal household, from their own physical body, and look from afar at the cloud that descended from Heaven in the form of the glory of God, and spoke to their leader. In a cloud by day, and in fire by night, He would speak to him face to face.

Here was a representation of one man that would come, pointing to the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God. He would one day make a way, so that every saint would not have to stand at their door and stare from a distance at a glory that could only be given and spoken through one vessel. No, Jesus Christ came in the glory of God with the fullness of the Holy

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Ghost and fire. He stood at the door of Heaven and made a way for us to individually come and behold Him. The gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. The gospel of the glory, the gospel of the “glory,” not good news, not salvation, but the gospel of the glory, in Christ, who is the very image of God. This is what shines on us and allows us to, “go beyond the veil into glory.” To behold Him and to know Him. To know Jesus Christ intimately and personally. It is a journey, beloved, but it starts at the gospel of salvation, when we get saved by faith in Him. As we go through that door, oh, my God, it was the glory of God that brought us in. It is the glory God that continues to reveal Himself to us. It's the glory of God that will manifest Himself to us until the coming day. It is the glory of God that will once again be revealed in the literal face of Jesus Christ. He said, “I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life. I am the door.”

Yes, no longer do we have to stand from afar. But, as they said, “Oh Lord, please show me your glory.” He says, “I'm going to make all my goodness go before you.” It is the goodness of God in the land of the living that has come to us in Christ. He said, “I am the Good Shepherd.” Through Him, we can behold the Lord. We can read His Word. We can receive fresh revelation every day. No longer looking from afar, and not just having to go to Church to see Him. Not having to have an evangelist preach the gospel, but each and every one of us abiding in the glory, now. Now, say, “Now.” Now, for the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, would shine on us, now! This Light, this glory is burning, and we host His presence.

God is not hindering us. God is not stopping us. He is not limiting us. Truth. He wants us to know He has given us full permission. As you get closer to the Light, oh, there's a death that takes place, because He says, “No flesh can glory in My presence.” He will deliver us. He will pinpoint things in our heart and soul that aren't pleasing to Him. He'll grant us repentance. We want that. I want to please the Lord. I'm saved not by my works, but by my faith in Him. Now, we are in Christ. We are in Christ. In Christ, we are sealed by His blood and the great Holy Ghost. There's an intimacy there. The closer you get, the more revelation knowledge you see. The lower you get, as He lifts you higher into His presence. The presence of God is greater.

The presence of God is greater. No matter what happens on this Earth, the presence of God is greater. Say it, “The presence of God is greater.” You know the flesh doesn't like this, because we have to take up our cross daily and follow Him and die. “I die daily. I submit to the Spirit. He is Lord of my life. I surrender to His will.” The presence of God is greater, and He knows that His presence is stronger. God knows that. He knows that we are but flesh. Oh, my God, one glance of His eyes, one glimpse of His glory, and we are undone in a good way. Yes, there is no one who is stronger than God, no one. Just think about it for a moment. There is no one stronger than God. There is no one greater than God. There's no one greater than His desire to show us His glory.

Why would God desire to know us so intimately? Think about it. Why does God Almighty want to know us? Is He crazy? I mean, if He really knew who we were, would He really want to know us? Yeah, because He loves us, and God has put this desire in us. This is who He is. The glory of the Lord and the gospel of Christ has been revealed to us so that we can know Him. But, we don't know Him first. He knows us. I didn't seek Him first. He sought me. Yes, so He is in the lead here. Say, “He is the head. He is a good husband.” Why would God desire to know us intimately? That's for all of us to think on. You have to let that in. You have to let Him in.

Sometimes the biggest hindrance, of course, is unbelief and pride. It's the pride of man, meaning mankind, that has blocked out God Almighty. Because, we were born and told that we could do it on our own, under the little god Satan and the curse of sin. But, God broke through and humbled Himself to become flesh, as a man and all God, to bring us into this glory. Why would God desire to know us so intimately? It's our desire now to open up to the

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Lord and open up our heart to the Lord. Why would the Lord, God Almighty, desire to save us, heal us, and deliver us? Why would He want to heal us? Why? Why would He want to deliver us from evil? Why would He want to protect us? Why does He care about us? Why does He? Why is He concerned about making sure that your pantry is full, you have clothes, and you have a home? Why does He care about these things in this life, and your children, and your children's children, and your children's children's children? Why? Why would the Lord God Almighty pursue us? Why would He care about everything that pertains to life and godliness? Why? Is it for His glory, absolutely! But, you have to remember that He is love, He is holy, and He is perfect. He is called the Father. He is good, He is trustworthy and kind.

Jesus, when He came, taught us all about the Heavenly Father. He sure did. He talked about His Father, and yet He was the exact representation of the Father. Look at what Jesus did. "He went around doing good, healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him." He preached, and He taught on the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoa, He brought the way Heaven views things. He faced off with the spirit of carnality. He faced off the spirit of this world and this age. Satan had nothing in Him, nothing. He brought words of life, hope and peace. The multitudes were drawn to Him, not just because of the signs, miracles and wonders. Not just because of the fish and the bread, but they were drawn to Him because of the glory of God that was in His face that has been unveiled. When humans look at that, they're drawn to the glory of God.

When humans encounter the Word, your heart is being opened to the glory of God. When humans hear a word, a prophetic word, or what the Spirit of the Lord is saying, our ears are opened to the glory of God. When we see and feel and experience God, our entire being, spirit, soul and body, is opened to the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus. Truth. Why would the Father choose to inhabit us and put His Holy Spirit in us? Why? Truly, He is sovereign. Truth, He is sovereign. That would be the bottom line answer, because He is good. He is sovereign, and He chose it. Aren't we thankful He saw us when conceived in our mother's wombs? He knows that there's a scroll written of us, of a destiny and a purpose and a call that He has for us. Why? The Spirit wants us to think on these things. Why? When we talk about His presence and His glory, saying, "Show us your glory, Lord." What is the end result of this?

He chose to create mankind both male and female and bless them in His house and in His ways. It's the Father's house, right? Everything in the Father's house is good and great and marvelous. But, there is a Way. He is the Way. There is truth, there is hope, there is light, there is instruction, there is direction, and there is fathering. We are not to be orphans. Thank the Lord for the Spirit of Truth. Amen, He wants to reproduce and bring forth children for His holy name, and He calls us the household of faith. Thank the Lord. He didn't call us a household of unbelief. Why do you believe God? Because, "I'm of the household of faith. I believe God." Boom, that right there will settle the argument. Why do you believe that God can heal you? Because, "I'm of the household of faith." Why do you believe that God is good? Because, "I'm of the household of faith." Why do you believe that you can be delivered? Because, "I'm of the household of faith, and I am beholding Christ, the very glory of God in His face. He lives in me, and His Spirit lives in me, because He chose me." He chose us. He loves us, and love conquers and casts out all fear, truth.

God created the family, and He loves the family. God loves the nations and the peoples He has created on the Earth, in order that all might know Him. Scripture says, "He desires that none would perish." That's good news, right? Wow. He created us on the Earth in order for us to know Him, worship Him and be enveloped by His Spirit. He wants us to know Him, worship Him and be enveloped by His Spirit. To be filled to overflowing, to wear the cloak, to wear the glory, to host His presence. When we walk into a room, the glory of the Lord walks in with us. When we go to work, the glory of the Lord is wrapped all around us and inside of us.

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“Christ in you the hope of glory.” When you lay down and go to sleep at night, you're sleeping in the glory of God. When you wake up, you hear Him speaking to you. The glory of God is talking to you when you wake up in the morning, as you go along the way. Sound familiar, like a thousand scriptures say through the word? All of it is just affirming that I, *God*, have chosen to be with you. I have chosen to be in you. I have chosen you for My very own.” Isn't that something else? Why? Because, God is love and He is good. It's His glory and His goodness and His grace. When humans just try to say, “Well, show me your glory.” He is like, “Hey, hey, I'm going to have to put you over here, because when I hide you in the cleft of the rock, which is Christ, then through My Son, you will see My face.” ‘Through My Son, you will be able to be healed, because by His stripes, you are healed.’ This is His “back,” you understand from the top of His head to the bottom of His feet, inside and outside, He hosts the glory of God.

It is our only hope as humans to behold the glory. Otherwise, we're just like the Israelites standing at the door, watching one man talk to God. But now, the door has been opened so that all of us, one family, can talk to God, have fellowship with God, and know God. To know God, because He already knows me. What grace? Isn't that beautiful? Why would the Father of glory choose Abraham and bless his family, then go outside to other families in whom there was no covenant of promise? Why would He even think about that? God is just good, that's all you can say. We say this, and it can be very religious. “God is good, all the time,” because that's the truth. He desires that His house would be filled and full of families. It is the Father's good pleasure to reveal to us the Son. It's His desire that all of our families would know Him.

It is His desire for His house to be filled and full of families from every tribe, nation and tongue. He is overjoyed about His house. He is not looking down from Heaven mad. He is looking at His house with great joy. He delights in each and every one of us, even in our journey, even when we can be a bit stubborn and rebellious and disobedient at times. He adores us. Say, “He adores me.” See, this just kills religion. It just kills religion, because in religion, you're striving to do good to please God. Good luck. You won't ever attain it, until you receive the grace of God. Holy Ghost empowers us and transforms us and leads us into the strength.

Thank God that the glory of God is revealed in the face of Christ, and He has shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God. There's no darkness there, truth. We know one day Heaven will come on Earth. Jesus told us to pray, “Father, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven,” in fullness. We long for those days. Yes, but why would God inspire us to seek His face? You've got to hear this. To know His heart, to hear His voice, to act on behalf of Himself while we're on the Earth. To be empowered by the Holy Ghost and filled with fire and the Spirit of holiness. Why? Why? Because this is His desire, for all to come in and know and see Him. Demons will scatter from these words, because they know they have no chance, because of the goodness of God. Yes, the goodness of God.

Yet, as we're on the planet, we have a choice not to doubt Him. God's always saying, “Do not doubt me.” He says, “Do not doubt me,” because you know when something comes your way, or there is a need, or a circumstance. You're thinking, “Believe God or not believe God?” That is doubt. Remember, you have doubt when you have unbelief and belief. Doubt is what runs back and forth. These are two options, you believe God or you don't believe God, and doubt runs back and forth. Truth. He says, “Don't do that.” Okay? Why? Because, of His love for us. *He* says, “Do not doubt, Me.” God is for us. He calls us His own, His very own. Why would we alter between two opinions? Why would we want to do that? I want to put all my faith in Him. You say, “Well, that's risky.” Absolutely, and that's the faith of Christ. He says, “Today, while it's called today, don't harden your heart in unbelief, but believe Him. Be filled with Holy Spirit and the truth of the manifested love towards us.”

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If we can believe, we are saved. "Oh, I can believe for a whole lot more, if I put in everything I have and believe what the Bible says. If I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth Jesus is Lord, then I would be saved." Well, let's read the whole Bible. All right. Let's receive the fullness of what God is saying. It's a journey of love, I know. But, He says, "Today, while it's still called today." So, "Today, it is my heart's desire, show me your glory, Lord. Reveal the glory of God," right? As you read the Bible, there it is, right there. The light from Holy Ghost illuminates the words. It enters our soul, and He heals us. He speaks truth to us. He calls us His own. You can feel the Spirit of adoption all over it right now. Right?

In the Spirit of adoption, He says, "You are Mine and I am yours," as you read His word, right? As we hear, we hearken unto the voice of the Word, and we hear what the Spirit of God is saying. We are undone by what He is saying to us, because this is the gospel that has been manifested in the face of Christ. "I can touch Him. I can see Him, now. Jesus is the Word of God made manifest." Wow. Why would God choose us? Isn't He wonderful? He wants us all to know that we are all so important to Him. Humans often don't do that very well. Families have real issues with this, but people just don't feel important. They don't feel needed. They feel sad. But, God wants us to know that we are important to Him. That's not some great theological statement. It's a very simple truth. What's important to you, is important to Him, and we are important to Him.

Isn't that amazing? He pulled us out of sin, death, hell and the grave, if you would, in our flesh, and He put His garments on us. He clothes us in righteousness. He says, "You are Mine." You immediately respond, "But, my flesh?" The Lord says, "No, no, no, you have been made a new creation." We have to rest assured of the love that He has, and we have to choose to inhabit His praises within us and give them to Him every day. Acknowledging this shifts the way you're thinking, from just having to go to Church, or study, or read your Bible, or on and on, into a relationship where Jesus says, "Fear not, little flock. Fear not, little flock. Fear not, little flock, because in this world you have tribulation and there's fear. But, the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom." That is miraculous, that we have been chosen for such a time as this to know Him. It's all about knowing Him.

Scripture says in Matthew that Jesus taught, "Many will say in that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not do all these things in your name?" He is going to say, "Depart from Me. I never knew you, you workers of iniquity." Whoa. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but therein is death," unless we are aligned perfectly in, with and by the Word of God, having been saved by God and filled with His Spirit, truth.

Today, I'm going to read you a letter. Remember that, "Faith comes from hearing and hearing," say it, "and hearing, by the Word of God." We want to know and hear God's heart for His family. We want to know how much He desires us and how He wants to us to intimately know Him. He wants us to overcome the evil spirits of this age by His love. "They will know Him by His love, and they will know us by our love."

First John, NLT

Amen, let's stand and receive His word, then go in the peace that He gives us.

"Father, we thank you that you chose to show us your glory. Thank you for Jesus. Thank you that you made a way for us to know the Son, to know you, and to know your Spirit. We abide and remain and receive these words today with all of our heart. May they work, transform, deliver and heal. May repentance be granted and revelation knowledge be given as we stand in awe of you, in wonder, and no longer from a distance. Show us your glory, Lord. In Jesus' name, amen." Amen.