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John 2:11 revealed His glory

The miracles that Jesus did were "signs through which the glory of God's people Israel"

Luke 2:32

Jesus came as a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the

John 1:14

Jesus Christ In the New Testament, the glory of God is revealed in His Son

Exodus 19:18

Deuteronomy 5:24-25

1 Kings 8:10-11

Isaiah 6:1-4

Often in the Old Testament, the manifestation of God's glory was accompanied by supernatural fire, thick clouds and a great quaking of the earth. We see this at Mount Sinai

The glory of God puts the pride of man to shame. Isaiah 2:10-11

- God equates His glory with "all My goodness" v19  
- So God hid Moses in a cleft in the rock to protect him from the fullness of God's glory as it passed by v21-23  
- No mortal can view God's excelling splendor & glory without being utterly overwhelmed.

- The glory of God is the beauty of His spirit. It's not an material beauty, but the beauty that emanates from His character, from all that He is.

- What is the glory of God?  
- In this series we will look at the glory of the Lord. The manifestation of God's glory and what the glory of God means to us today.

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- So we have seen that the glory of God is the beauty of His Spirit and that God's glory is equal with all His goodness; we also seen that in the New Testament, the glory of God is revealed in His Son Jesus Christ.  
- And that in Christ the glory of God is approachable, and knowable in a gentle way.  
- So if God's glory equates with all His goodness, then all the goodness of God is found in Jesus Christ.  
- How do we know this?

### Hebrews 1:1-3

↳ Jesus is the brightness of God's glory;  
↳ Jesus is the express image of God's person;  
↳ Jesus upholds all things by the word of His power;  
↳ the perfect representation or embodiment of God's nature and being. Exact, complete and perfect reflection of the Father's character

### John 1:14

↳ John says that they "beheld His glory"  
↳ They looked upon it, gazed at it - the glory  
↳ Jesus walked in a glory from the Father, a glory that man could and can experience.

↳ But not the fullness of glory because that would kill more mortals. Jesus fullness of glory was restored when He went to sit at the right hand of the Father.

### John 17:5

↳ This glory that Jesus walked in can shine upon us. This glory shines on believers and take away the veil!

### 2 Corinthians 4:4

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JOSHUA 1:9

God's glory is His infinite splendor, while glorifying God is our response to that splendor by reflecting it in our lives & actions

- Glorifying God is expressed through our dedication, our worship, service, and the way we live our lives
- It is living a life of bearing the fruit of the Spirit!

1 Chronicles 29:11    1 Corinthians 10:31    1 Peter 4:11    Matthew 5:16

- Giving God glory or glorifying God
- Is responding to His glory
- Glorifying God is the act of acknowledging and reflecting His glory through our lives
- We cannot add to God's infinite glory, but we can manifest it to others

God's glory is infinite and exceeds human understanding, even though it can, and is partially revealed

impossible to measure or calculate  
limitless or endless in space

- God's glory refers to the manifestation of His attributes, perfections and divine nature. It also speaks of God's manifested presence
- We looked at some examples in the Old Testament and at Jesus Christ in the New Testament.
- We saw that the glory of God is approachable and knowable in Christ.
- We see here in Matthew the manifestation of the "Shekinah"

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God's glory & giving glory

This includes His holiness, power, love, mercy & justice

In Hebrew it means to heavy with everything good - splendor

Matthew 17:1-8

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## Behold His Glory glory of the gospel

2 Corinthians 3:12-18  
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- We cannot add to God's infinite glory or to the glory of the gospel but we can manifest it to others

- To do that we have to live in Christ, its then when the veil is removed and freedom comes.

- So when we turn to the Lord that veil is taken away via and

the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ shines

on us 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
AMP

- The glory of the gospel can shine on us through the Holy Spirit in such a way that our very core is enlightened

1 Corinthians 5:1:16-18  
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The glory of the gospel comes transformative power in the following ways:

• It Changes Hearts

The gospel changes hearts by imparting a love for God & for others

Ezekiel 36:26

• It leads to Righteous Living

It motivates believers to live lives that reflect God's character & glory

Romans 1:16-17

• It Creates Unity

The love generated by the gospel brings unity & fellowship among believers

Ephesians 4:13

• It Offers Hope

The gospel offers hope of eternal life and fellowship with God

Colossians 1:23

# Behold His Glory Illumination & Enlightenment

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

- Illumination in the spiritual sense is "turning on the light" of understanding in some area

- Throughout the ages, people in every culture & religion have claimed some kind of revelation or enlightenment from God (true or not)

- When this enlightenment deals with new knowledge or future things, we call it prophecy

- When this enlightenment deals with understanding & applying knowledge already given, we call it illumination

## How does God do it?

① The Believer receives knowledge & understanding regarding sin

↳ without this knowledge, and walking away everything else is pointless

**Psalms 18:28**

② God's word enters the heart of the Believer

↳ the word brings light, even shines as a light around us!

**Psalms 119:11**

**Psalms 119:105**

**Psalms 119:130**

③ As the Believer studies the word of God

↳ studying the word gives direction & understanding in the issues of life

**Psalms 119:105**

**Proverbs 6:23**

④ It's done by the Holy Spirit abiding in the Believer

↳ the Holy Spirit guides and leads us

↳ the Holy Spirit will always point us to the word of God for instruction

**1 Corinthians 2:10-13**

⑤ God help us to understand His word

↳ so that we are able to live in its light

**1 John 1:6-7**

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# Behold His Glory

Because of the glory we don't get discouraged

2 Corinthians 3:15-18

- Have you ever felt burned out from working for the Lord?

- Many of us were on fire when we came to Christ, we were sharing the

gospel with anyone who would listen.

- Maybe you thought of converting many people to Christ. But being

a believer just seemed to make life more difficult in many ways

- we tend to get our heart broken and discouraged more times than

we can count as we try to help them.

- But the glory & the word of God should encourage us so that we

keep on sharing the gospel and live as witnesses for Christ.

How do we do this?

1 we are not discouraged by rejection

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

↳ we will not resort to ways that compromise the word of God

↳ we don't let the rejection of God's word change the way we do things

3 They are rejecting the message, not the messenger

2 Corinthians 4:5

↳ we are trying to serve people who don't want what we are offering

↳ There is nothing wrong with the message, the problem is in the heart

4 we are not discouraged by affliction

2 Corinthians 4:8-12

↳ becoming a believer can ruin our relationships with friends & family

↳ from the outside becoming a believer seems like social suicide

4 Eternal hope renews us

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:2

↳ consider the afflictions in this earth to be light and momentary.

↳ there is an eternal weight of glory as we look not at the things

that are seen but to the things that are unseen!!

5 we get to be with the Lord

2 Corinthians 5:6-9

↳ whether we spend time with the Lord or get that new building

and enjoy it with the Lord, we get to be with Him.

↳ Jesus always want to be with us.

↳ our beauty reflects His Power, grace & beauty!!

③ Our glory is always reflective of His 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

↳ if anyone think we are glorious, it is because they have already looked at Christ & found Him to be glorious & then see it in us.

② His glory is the template from which our glory is designed/shaped  
↳ we are naturally detestable in our rebellion against God.

↳ we don't make ourselves beautiful, we aren't naturally beautiful.

① That we are His workmanship

So the way this fits together with our glorifying Christ is:

↳ Ephesians 5:27

- God's intent is not for His Son to have a dirty/imperfect/ugly bride  
↳ And glorified refers back to that conforming "to the image of Christ" (His Son)

- But in the sense of being conformed to the image of Christ.

- Not in the sense of being shown to be supremely valuable like God

- But we are also created to be glorious or to be glorified

Him above all else in our lives and in the world

- we are created to glorify God, that is, treasuring Him, and valuing

- namely, beautiful and glorious in His image

\* This is His making God look like what & who He really is, and God making us into what & who we are definitely not \*

will glorify us.

- we should always glorify God, but the Word also declares that God

- But His glory will also glorify us!

- So through this series we have beheld His glory, we've seen that the

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God's glory, glorifying us

By illumination & enlightenment

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Romans 8:29-30  
we don't get discouraged

# Behold His Glory to the Praise of His Glory

Ephesians 1:3-14

- We've seen in this series the majesty of God's glory. That we should behold His glory, fix our eyes on His Shekinah glory.
- We can approach & know God's glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- \* He is the express image of God, and through Him God's immeasurable, inconceivable, almighty, thundering, fiery, diverse forming, amazing glory can be experienced.\*
- We've also seen that this glory of the gospel will transform us from glory to glory into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

we see in this passage of scripture that the phrase "to the praise of His glory" is used three times

- He see Paul use the word "predestined", and that we are predestined, before the creation of the world to be holy & blameless in His sight.
- we are included in Christ and His glory when we heard the gospel and believed and the Holy Spirit, His Spirit now lives in us as a seal, on guarantee of our inheritance of eternal life.
- This all to the praise of His glory
- This phrase go back as far as Jacob, and Paul wrote this in the context of the Greek culture where this took place:

↳ When a man who owned slaves died and in his will gave the slaves their freedom, they would put on a cap of liberty to show they were now free

↳ At the funeral & afterward they would parade in the streets telling all that their master was so great - he had set them free!!

↳ That custom is described as being "to the praise of his glory"

we were captives, slaves to sin who have been set free by the blood of Christ

we should be parading the streets with hats, as people of great joy!

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we should be shouting the glorious praise of our glorious God who set us free to the praise of His marvelous, ever-lasting glory!

In Christ, the glory of God is approachable and knowable!

Hebrews 1:3 "who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power..."

John 1:14 "And the word became 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"

Exodus 33:18 "Moses said, please show me Your glory"

Psalms 72:19 "And blessed be his glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen"

Psalms 8:1 "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens!"

Psalms 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork"

1 Chronicles 29:11 "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty! For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours! Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all."

Behold His glory  
Conclusion

Exodus 33:18-23

The glory of God is the beauty of His Spirit. It's not a material beauty, but the beauty that emanates from His character!!

\* This is us Beholding His glory, being transformed by it and praising Him for His glory forevermore!! \*

\* Glory!! \*

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2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

↳ So that we, our lives can glorify Him, reflecting His glory

↳ Being transformed into His image & likeness Romans 8:29

↳ The glory of the gospel can shine on us through the Holy Spirit in such a way that our very core is enlightened & transformed

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 & 2 Corinthians 3:18