

EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1)

KEY STATEMENTS

Christ came to minister as a
Physician to heal, recover,
enliven, and save us
that we might be reconstituted to be His new and heavenly
citizens, with whom He could establish His heavenly
kingdom
on this corrupted earth.

We need to know, experience, and testify
that the kingdom of God is the power to subdue
rebellion and is the transfiguration of the Lord
Jesus.

Christ as the Word of God speaks
for God through His becoming
the ladder
that brings heaven (God) to earth
(man) and joins earth (man) to
heaven (God) as one for
God's building.

Even as the Divine Trinity is the
framework of the entire New
Testament,
so the Divine Trinity is the structure of the book of
Acts; chapter after chapter of Acts
unveils the operation of the Divine Trinity
for the carrying out of God's New Testament economy.

HWMR: EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (Week 10)

Scripture Reading: John 1:14; 2:11; 5:44; 8:54; 12:23; 13:31-32; 17:1, 5, 22

Glory and Glorification as Revealed in the Gospel of John

John 1:14	And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
John 2:11	This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.
John 5:44	How can you believe when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that is from the only God?
John 8:54	Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say that He is your God.
John 12:23	And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
John 13:31	Then when he went out, Jesus said, Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him.
John 13:32	If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and He will glorify Him immediately.
John 17:1	These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You;
John 17:5	And now, glorify Me along with Yourself, Father, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
John 17:22	And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;

Day 1

Romans 3:23-25 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

Acts 7:2 - And he said, Men, brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

I. Glory is an attribute of God; glory is the expression of God, God expressed in splendor—Exo. 40:34; Acts 7:55; 2 Pet. 1:3; Rev. 21:11.

II. The glory of God is intrinsically related to the economy of God—Eph. 1:6, 10, 12, 14; 3:21; 5:27:

❖ **Glory**

- Another marvelous attribute of God is **glory**.
- **Acts 7:2** says, “The **God of glory** appeared to our father Abraham.”
 - Glory is the **expression** of God, God expressed in splendor.
 - God’s glory was a **great attraction** to Abraham, **separating** him from the world unto God.
 - God’s glory was also a great **encouragement** and **strength**, enabling Abraham to follow God.
- **Second Peter 1:3** says that God has **called us** to, or by, His own glory.
- God’s salvation **leads us** into His glory. When we **see God**, we **see glory**.

Day 2

- Colossians 1:27* - To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
- Hebrews 2:10* - For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- Revelation 21:11* - Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

❖ Realizing the Hope of Glory Which is Christ in Us

- Christ can be our hope of glory because He dwells in our spirit to be our life and our person.
- According to Colossians 3:4, when Christ our life is manifested, we shall be manifested with Him in glory.
- He will appear to be glorified in our redeemed and transfigured body.
- When Christ comes, we shall be glorified in Him, and He will be glorified in us.
 - This indicates that the indwelling Christ will saturate our entire being, including our physical body.
- Colossians 1:27, “To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,”
 - This verse indicates that the glory with which we shall be glorified dwells in us right now.
- This glory is not a thing—this glory is a living person, the indwelling Christ, the all-inclusive embodiment of the processed Triune God.

❖ Glory

- As believers, we are being transformed into this glory and shall be brought into it.
- Romans 9:23 says, “What if He should make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory.”
 - God created us as His vessels to contain Him and express Him.
 - We were predestinated by His sovereignty to be His containers, vessels of honor, to express what He is in glory.
- An outstanding feature of the New Jerusalem is that it has the glory of God, His expression.
- The glory of God is actually God Himself being manifested.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament: God, Christ, and the Spirit, Volume 1, chapter 11)

Day 3

- John 7:18* - He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him.
- Matthew 25:31* - But when the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, at that time He will sit on the throne of His glory.

III. The glory of God is involved with Christ’s incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and coming again and His being the lamp in the New Jerusalem:

❖ Seeking God's Glory for God's Satisfaction

- As One who lived a restricted life, a life restricted from doing things for self, the Lord **sought the glory of God** for God's satisfaction.
- The Lord **did not** seek His own glory, in that He **did not** speak from Himself.
- The Lord's being a person who sought God's glory for God's satisfaction did not depend on what He did or on His works.
- It depended instead on the fact that He was of God, that He was sent by God, that He came from God, and that He spoke God.

(The Fulfillment of the Tabernacle and the Offerings in the Writings of John, chapter 21)

❖ Glorified in Resurrection

- Christ was **glorified** by the Father with the divine glory in His **resurrection**.
- Glorified actually stands for resurrected, for the Lord was glorified when He was **resurrected**.
- For Christ to enter into His glory, into His glorification, was for Him to enter into His **resurrection**.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ, Volume 1, chapter 288)

❖ Crowned with Glory and Honor

- After He accomplished redemption by suffering death, Jesus was **glorified** in His resurrection.
- And in His **ascension** to the heavens was crowned with **glory and honor**.
- It is in His **humanity** that He is **crowned** with glory and honor.
- What is glory and honor?
 - **Glory** is the splendor related to Jesus' Person;
 - **Honor** is the preciousness related to Jesus' worth, value and dignity which is related to His position

(Life-Study of Hebrews, chapter 7)

Day 4

- John 1:14** - And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- Matthew 17:2** - And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.
- John 12:23** - And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

IV. In the Gospel of John we can see the glory and glorification of the Lord Jesus:

❖ For the Father to Be Glorified in the Glorification of the Son

- The Son was **God incarnated**, and His flesh was a **tabernacle** for God's dwelling on earth.
- His divine element was confined in His humanity, just as God's shekinah glory was concealed within the tabernacle.
- Now He was going to **pass through death** that the concealing shell of His humanity might be **broken** for His divine element, His divine life, to be released.

- This prayer of the Lord Jesus concerning glorification will be fulfilled in three stages.
 - **First**, it was fulfilled in His **resurrection**, in that His divine element, His divine life, was released from within His humanity into His many believers, and His whole being including His humanity was brought into glory, and in that the Father's divine element was expressed.
 - **Second**, it has been fulfilled in the **church**, in that as His resurrection life has been expressed through His many members, He has been glorified in them and the Father has been glorified in Him through the church.
 - **Third**, it will be ultimately fulfilled in the **New Jerusalem**, in that He will be fully expressed in glory, and God will also be glorified in Him through the holy city for eternity.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament: The Believers, Volume 2, chapter 153)

Day 5

- John 17:1* - These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You;
- John 17:22-23* - And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

❖ The Glory

- If we would be one in the divine glory, we must **forsake** and **forget** ourselves.
- We must not only renounce the world but also **ourselves**.
- Once we were separated into various worldly places, but now, having come home, we may still have **trouble with the self**.
- We must not live by our own life but by the **life of glory**, the **divine life**.
- after we have the life of God, we must **give up the world**, and after we give up the world, we must **forsake ourselves** and **live by the divine life**.

❖ Perfected into One

- By **denying ourselves** we can experience the divine life to such a degree that we are perfected into one.
- The third aspect of the believers' oneness is the **oneness in the divine glory** for the corporate expression of the Triune God.
- In this aspect of oneness, the believers, their self having been fully denied, **enjoy the glory of the Father** as the factor of their perfected oneness and thus **express God** in a corporate, built-up way.
- The ultimate oneness of the believers is in the **eternal life** (in the Father's name), by the holy word, and in the divine glory to express the Triune God for eternity.

(Life-study of John, chapter 40)

Day 6

- John 17:5* - And now, glorify Me along with Yourself, Father, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- John 17:22* - And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;
- Ephesians 3:21* - To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

V. As the embodiment of the Triune God, Christ the Son is the Father's glorification—vv. 1, 5, 22-23:

- Before His incarnation Christ as the only begotten Son of God was with the Father in glory and enjoyed this glory with the Father.
 - But when He with this glory put on flesh through incarnation, this glory was concealed in His flesh. His humanity was a shell that covered and confined the divine life and nature, along with the divine glory, that were within Him.
 - Through His death and by His work in His resurrection, Christ released the divine life from within Him to produce many grains for His glorification.
- ❖ **The Father's Glorification in the Body of Christ – the Aggregate of His Believers**
- When the church has been regenerated, sanctified, crucified, and united with Christ in glory, then the Son of God will be expressed and manifested.
 - The Son of God will be glorified in the oneness of the church, and the Father at that time will also be glorified in and through the Son
- ❖ **Through the Organic Union of Christ's Believers with the Father in Christ in Oneness**
- The Father is glorified through the organic union of Christ's believers with the Father in the Son in oneness.
 - He prayed so that we would realize that we are in Him just as He is in the Father, and He is in us just as the Father is in Him.
 - Today Christ is in His believers, causing His believers to be in Him.
 - The glorification for which the Lord prayed is actually the divine mingling with humanity, and this mingling is the marvelous oneness revealed in chapter seventeen.
 - In the divine glorification the Triune God is glorified in humanity, and humanity is glorified in divinity.
 - May we all see that the Father's house, the vine, the new man, and the glorification are all one thing—Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God for our experience and enjoyment.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ, Volume 1, chapter 288)