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THE GLORY OF CHRIST (part 2)

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Request: Would you do a study on the biblical idea of glory?

The Greek word for glory is (doxa). Doxa is what is displayed or the manifestation of what constitutes the distinctive excellence of the subject (Unger Bible Dict., pg.409)

"Doxa is used strictly in the NT to express the divine mode of being." (TD of NT, pg.247)

There is a three-step progress of doxa under the new covenant to the church age believer.

- God displays His glory by His essence (essence box: omnipresence, omnipotent, omniscience, veracity, immutability, righteousness, sovereignty, eternal life, love, and holiness).
- Christ displays the glory of God.
- Christian displays the glory of God in Christ.

"To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col.1:27)

Doxa in a Christian life is like a light bulb. When it is turned on by the indwelling Holy Spirit or faith cycle of word of God, it reflects the glory of God in Christ.

"But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory just as from the Lord the Spirit (2 Cor.3:18)

Last week we introduced the subject of the Glory of Christ. We learned that every person who believes that Jesus died for their sins, was buried and raised from the dead is called into God's eternal glory (Rom.5:1-2; 2 Thess.2:14; 2 Tim.2:10).

We studied how God's glory in Christ is manifested in phase I (salvation) and III (believer in eternity) of the plan of God

This week we will study SEVEN ways God's glory in Christ is manifested in phase II (CWL) of the plan of God.

1. The first way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in CWL is indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 7:39; 2 Cor.3: 17-18).

"He shall glory Me (doxazo / f.a.ind); for He shall take of Mine; and shall disclose it to you." (John 16:14)

2. The second way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in the CWL is the word of God residing and functioning in the soul of a spiritual advancing believer (Rom.4:20-21; 1 Cor.2:7-8; 2 Cor.3:8-11; Eph.1:17-18; 2 Thess.3:1; 2 Pet.3:18).

"For God, who said, 'light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Cor.4:6)

3. The third way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in the CWL is answered prayer (Jude 20).

"And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13)

"And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, hear us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." (1 John 5:14-15)

4. The fourth way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in the CWL is function of spiritual gifts (2 Cor.8: 23; Eph.3: 16-21).

"Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterance of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Pet.4:11)

5. The fifth way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in CWL is undeserved suffering (1 Pet.4:14-19; Eph.3:13).

"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light afflictions is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." (2 Cor.4: 16-17; 15-18).

6. The sixth way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in the CWL is divine works John 15:8; Rom.15:7-9; Gal.1:22-24; 2 Thess.1:11-12; Heb.13:21).

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1Cor.10:31)

7. The seventh way the glory of God in Christ is manifested in the CWL is by being grace oriented believer to others (2 cor.8: 5-9, 14-19; 9:12-15).

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (Phil.4:19-20)

"To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen." (Rom.16:27)