

THE GLORY OF GOD AND MAN

Introduction

- 1) **Romans 1:23** – “the **glory** of the incorruptible God”
- 2) **Glory** (*doxa*) – honor, splendor; the divine glory which comes to expression in God’s acts in creation and history...to give him glory is not to impart something he does not have but to acknowledge the honor that is his due...something that is absolutely objective, the reality of God (TDNT)
- 3) God is glorious because of His “eternal power and Godhead [divine nature]” (v. 20; 2 Pet. 1:17)
- 4) God is glorious regardless of whether man esteems Him as glorious or not (v. 21; 1 Chron. 29:11; Psa. 24:7, 9; Isa. 42:5-8)

I) **Man Created and Crowned with Glory by a Glorious God**

A) **Psalm 8** – “You have crowned him with glory and honor”

- 1) God crowned man with glory and honor at creation, given dominion, and all things put under his feet (cf. Gen. 1:26-28 “in His image”)
- 2) As long as man continued in fellowship with God, he would have glory and honor

II) **Sin – Falling Short of the Glory of God**

A) **Romans 3:23** – “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

- 1) Sin causes man to fall short of the glory of God
- 2) “Fall short” (*hustereo*) – to come late, to be last, behind, inferior

B) Man was created and crowned with glory and honor by a glorious God, but sin caused him to fall into an inferior state – serious and sad condition!

- 1) Man is left to “seek for glory, honor, and immortality” (Rom. 2:7)

III) **Bringing Many Sons to Glory**

A) **Hebrews 2:5-10** – “bringing many sons to glory”

- 1) Quotation of **Psalm 8:4-6** – all things to be put in subjection under man’s feet, BUT “we do not yet see all things put under him”! Man in trouble and needs help!
 - a) Man in bondage to the fear of death because of sin (v. 15)
- 2) Jesus, the brightness of divine glory (1:3), came as a man crowned with glory and honor (perfect–without sin), and suffered and died for every sinner
 - a) All things put under His feet (Eph. 1:22; 1 Cor. 15:27)
- 3) This was done to bring “many sons to glory” – reconcile men back to God

IV) **Transformed from Glory to Glory**

A) **2 Corinthians 3:18** – “transformed into the same image from glory to glory”

- 1) We behold the glory of the Lord in Christ and His new covenant [gospel] (vv. 7-11)
- 2) We are transformed (*metamorphoo*) into the glorious image of the Lord by understanding and applying the word of God [glory to glory] in our everyday lives (cf. 2 Cor. 4:6; Col. 3:10; Rom. 12:2)...but there is yet more glory to come in Christ (Col. 1:27)!

Conclusion

There is Glory to Come! Romans 8:18 – “the glory which shall be revealed in us”

*Resurrection of a glorious body (1 Cor. 15:43; Phil. 3:21)

*Appear with Christ “in glory” (Col. 3:4; Titus 2:13; 1 Pet. 4:13; 5:1, 4)

Do you seek for this **glory, honor, and immortality** (Rom. 2:7)? If you seek your own glory, and not the glory that is bestowed by God, you will be lost (vv. 8-9). Believe in Jesus who died for you, repent of your sins, confess Jesus, and be baptized for the remission of your sins. Glorify God and seek the **crown of glory** that He will give the faithful at the last day.