

# Glory

## Part 5



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### Series So Far:

Glory – radiation of His Holiness

Revealed in His Presence, Manifest in creation, Demands our response

Encounters with God's Glory induced – fear, awe, wonder, worship, dread, respect, repentance, conviction, terror

Central theme in Scripture – God's Glory

Dilemma – Cannot see the Glory of God and Live

- Moses, Isaiah – God is Holy – We are Not

Request – teach me your ways, show me your Glory

Response – revealed and veiled

Presence of God moving From a Place to Person



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### Setting

- Paul in Ephesus writing a church he helped start
- Making his way through Macedonia back towards Corinth
- Sent Timothy to collect offering they were participating in
- Timothy has good news, bad news
- Find Paul confronting those suggesting following law of Moses alongside the gospel of Jesus
  - written on stone      vs.      written on hearts
  - letter of the law      vs.      indwelling Spirit & heart
  - one unto death      vs.      one bringing life
  - one veiled      vs.      One unveiled

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**3:7-11** “Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup> If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup> For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup> And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! “



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**Exodus 34: 29- 35** “When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the LORD’s presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD”

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**2 Cor. 3:12 – 18** “<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”



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### 1. Revealed

- wonder about what we cannot see clearly
  - how does it work?
  - what does that look like behind there?
  - how do they do that?
- truth exposed or revealed – we see things differently
  - a) truth is before you
    - therefore....since we have such hope....be bold!
    - not like before – someone relating to God for you
    - not like before – law a constant reminder of separation
    - no need for a veil

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**b) truth has brought a change**

- whenever anyone turns to the Lord – veil is removed**
- problem of sin, separation from God, dealt with**
- now you can know personally the indwelling God**

**2. Rejoiced In vs. 17-18a**

**- where the Spirit of the Lord is ... there is freedom**

**a) Freedom**

- from slavery to sin, guilt of sin, fear of law, fear of death**
- to choose serving God, learn, grow, receive guidance, embrace loving others, worship with abandon,**



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### b) Freedom to Contemplate

- **vs. 18** “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

### a) Spend Time Basking in the Son

- illustration of the Sun – even have fake bake so you look tanned
- no need to turn away, cover up, hide from – full on bask in the radiation of His Holiness – see and worship His Glory
- don’t miss that contemplation takes intention and time
- free to see the truth, feel the presence, respond with abandon
- critical step here – cannot reflect what you have not encountered

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### 3. Reflected

- clear evidence that you have been spending time basking, uncovered – all around you can see it
- ‘transformed into His image with ever increasing Glory.....’
  - a) Suggests an ongoing process
    - sanctification – living up to who I already am in Christ
    - “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. “ Rom 12:2



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- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30
- **You are to reflect the Glory of God in your Life and Actions**
  - **evident to.....**
    - **yourself – in attitude, actions, daily walk**
    - **your brothers and sisters in Christ**
    - **the world – lost and hurting all around you**

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### So What

#### 1. Truth Has Been Revealed

- through the cross, you are invited to encounter the Glory of God and begin to see it reflected in you

#### 2. This is to Be Rejoiced In

- Freedom from sin, guilt, fear, failure – all yours
- Freedom to love deeply, spend time basking, worship – yours

#### 3. This Truth is Meant to Be Reflected

- God's plan is for his glory to shine in your life
- You are a witness to the world
- Strongest message you can deliver – live allowing the Glory of God to be seen in you, and point others to Jesus