

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church



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“Glory” Luke 9:28-50

We believe that full devotion to Christ (Living for God’s Glory) and fullness of life (Our Satisfaction) are one in the same pursuit (John10:10b; Luke9:23-25). We were created by God, for God, to give glory to God (Rom11:36). God’s glory is best displayed in lives that are fully satisfied in Him (Phil1:20-21).

What is Experiencing God’s Glory?

- 1) It is His supreme significance and breathtaking beauty made real to your heart. Ex 34:18 “Glory” = Heb. “kabod” = God’s weight, significance, importance, matter. Vv31 & 32 “glory” 2xs = Gr. “doxa” where we get our word doxology which means praise, wonder and beauty.
- 2) God’s glory is revealed through...
 - ✓ Creation (General Revelation) Ps19:1-6; Rom1:19-20
 - ✓ Covenant (Bible-Special Revelation) Ps19:7-11; 2Tim3:16-17
 - ✓ Christ (Ultimate Revelation) vv29, 34-35; Heb1:3; 2Cor4:6

Why We Desperately Need It?

Without God’s glory we struggle with... (Phil2:3; Gal5:26)
We were created to stand in the very presence of God and receive His favor but because we turned away from God our spiritual alienation (empty) has left us with psychological alienation (desperate) causing our sociological alienation (relational conflict).

- 1) Unbelief (worry/self-pity/bitterness) vv37-43
- 2) Conceit (vain glory/pride/self-centeredness) vv46-48
- 3) Rivalry (selfish ambition/competition) vv49-50

How Can We Experience It?

- 1) Live by grace through faith in Christ. vv30-31, 34, 44-45; Eph2:8-9
v31 “departure” = Gr. Exodus—Jesus is not just the God on the other side of the chasm; he is the bridge over the chasm.
- 2) Pray that the truth in your head becomes real to your heart.
vv28-29 as they were praying the glory came; Eph1:16-19; 2Cor3:18

- 3) Cultivate community that stirs your appetite for God.
v28 He took with Him Peter, James and John... Heb10:23-25
- 4) Rest in your family status. V35; Luke 3:22; Rom8:15-16
- 5) Submit to His authority. v35 This is my Son...listen to Him. John 15:10
- 6) Make every pleasure a channel of adoration. V33 Master, it is good that we are here...! 1Cor10:31

Growing Notes

- 1) What comes to mind when you think of the glory of God? What does it mean that we were created to live for God’s glory (Rom11:36; 1Cor10:31)? How is the glory of God best displayed in our lives (Phil1:20-21)?
- 2) Read Luke 9:28-50. What stands out to you from this text? What does it mean to experience God’s glory? What three ways is God’s glory revealed? What does it mean that Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God’s glory (Heb1:3; 2Cor4:6)?
- 3) We were created to stand in the very presence of God and receive His favor but because we turned away from God, our spiritual alienation has left us empty (psychological alienation) producing in us unbelief (vv37-43), conceit (46-48) and rivalry (49-50)(social alienation). Explain. How would enjoying the riches of God’s glory remedy this?
- 4) Review the six steps for experiencing the riches of God’s Glory. Which one(s) do you find most helpful? Why is the foundation of our experience of the glory of God knowing that Jesus is not only the God on the other side of the chasm; He is the bridge over the chasm? What is God speaking to you? What are your next steps in finding your deepest satisfaction in Christ? Pray.