

THE GLORIFIED SONS OF GOD

Part 11 Romans Chapter Eight

Romans 8:18-22

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¹⁹ *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God.** ²⁰ *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty** of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs together until now.**

THE GLORY OF GOD IS GOD'S ULTIMATE PURPOSE FOR US

YOUR SALVATION (being saved from sin and hell) has never been God's ultimate goal for you.

YOUR JUSTIFICATION (being made right and having peace with God) has never been His end goal. This was the start of the process, the first few steps toward God's ultimate goal.

YOUR SANCTIFICATION (living right and acting right in God's sight) has also never been the ultimate end that God had in mind ... No, God's end goal goes beyond all of these amazing truths ... **The ultimate purpose of God for you is YOUR GLORIFICATION.**

YOUR GLORIFICATION – The day when you will be fully glorified with Christ in His Glory!

Romans 8:30 **SLIDE**

*Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, **these He also glorified.***

In the eternal presence of God ... all of this has already happened.

WE ARE JUST NOW GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS.

DAVID HAD SOME INSIGHT INTO THIS END GOAL

Psalm 73:24 NIV **SLIDE**

*You guide me with your counsel, and afterward **you will take me into glory.***

But note here, DAVID SPEAKS ABOUT ENTERING INTO GOD'S GLORY.

The glory of the Risen Christ.

HOWEVER, OUR TEXT TELL US SOMETHING EVEN GREATER ...

WE SEE GOD'S GLORY **REVEALED IN US.**

Romans 8:18 **SLIDE**

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THERE ARE 2 WAYS GOD'S GLORY WILL BE REVEALED IN US:

1. THE GLORY GROWING IN US EACH DAY
2. THE GLORY WHICH WILL EXPLODE IN US ON THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST

1. THE GLORY GROWING IN US EACH DAY ...

Last week we saw that as Co-heirs with Christ we have already entered into His risen glory with Him. **THIS MEANS, LIKE DAVID, WE HAVE POSITIONALLY ENTERED HIS RISEN GLORY.** BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO US HERE AND NOW, AS WE GO THROUGH OUR DAILY STRUGGLES?

WE NOW START TO RECEIVE PORTIONS OF THIS RISEN GLORY GROWING IN US.

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians that **we grow in this glory** ... from Glory to Glory by the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

*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 by the Spirit of the Lord.*

What are we beholding? His risen Glory ... as we spiritually live there, and perceive from there, then we start to receive from there ... great deposits of His Glory in us.

*You know those times you walk away from fellowship feeling great inside ... We say, 'That was a great meeting', or, 'God touched me' ... Well that's what was happening ... We are receiving Christ's Risen Glory ... We are partaking of His divine nature ... **GROWING FROM GLORY TO GLORY** and even though in time the feeling subsides ... **the effect is permanent**.*

GLORY VEILED IN FLESH

However, this Glory in you is now veiled in flesh ... like Jesus had ...

WE beheld His Glory ...

'Veiled in Flesh the God-head see ...' - Charles Wesley

2. THE GLORY WHICH WILL EXPLODE IN US ON THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST

*This is **'Big Bang Certainty'** ... the fully Glorified person where the flesh will put on immortality and we will be fully glorified.*

Last week we also finished on the following Scripture:

Proverbs 4:18 King James 2000 Bible **SLIDE**

*The path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more [in us] unto the **PERFECT DAY**.*

**NB: THERE IS A PERFECT DAY COMING
WHEN YOU WILL BE FULLY GLORIFIED WITH JESUS**

Philippians 1:6 SLIDE

*Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it **until the day of Jesus Christ**;*

Colossians 3:4 SLIDE

*When Christ who is our life appears, then **you also will appear with Him in glory**.*

ON THAT DAY ... YOU ALSO WILL BE FULLY GLORIFIED ...

1 John 3:2 Berean Study Bible

*Beloved, we are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that **when Christ appears, we will be like Him**, for we will see Him as He is.*

Matthew 13:41-43 SLIDE

*The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ **Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!***

Matthew 25:31

*When the Son of Man **comes in His glory**, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on **the throne of His glory**.*

**WHAT IS THIS GLORY: THE FULL HOLINESS, GOODNESS ... RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD ...
SHINING IN UNAPPROACHABLE MAGNIFICENCE.**

WE WILL BE FULLY GLORIFIED IN UNSPEAKABLE GLORY THAT OUTSHINES THE SUN.

'I've got a home in Glory land that outshines the sun.'

This glory is so bright it will make the midday sun on a cloudless day seem like darkness!

1 Timothy 6:16 SLIDE

*Who alone has immortality, dwelling in **unapproachable light**, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honour and everlasting power. Amen.*

REMEMBER SAUL (the former name for Paul the apostle). On the road to Damascus, he had a glimpse of this Glory ... probably a thimble full from a trillion light-years away ... fell to the ground and was blinded.

Acts 9:3-4, 8 Berean Study Bible

As Saul drew near to Damascus on his journey; suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him [like lightning]. ⁴(And) He fell to the ground and ... ⁸ when he opened his eyes he could not see a thing ...

REMEMBER THE APOSTLE JOHN He saw the risen Christ on the Isle of Patmos.

He had a glimpse of His Risen Glory.

Jesus' head was as white as snow and His eyes were burning with fire ... and John collapsed as if he was dead. (Revelation 1:12-17)

Romans 8: 19 **SLIDE**

*For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God.***

SLIDE SCRIPTURE IS FULL OF THE PERSONIFICATION OF CREATION

At the actual creation of the universe in Job we read of such incredible joy and excitement.

Job 38:7 **SLIDE**

When **the morning stars sang together**, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Originally man was clothed in Glory and so was creation. (Hebrews 2:6-8)

CAN YOU IMAGINE THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF CREATION WHEN MAN FELL?

Imagine how disappointed creation was when its custodian 'man' fell into sin and lost his glory.

But what is worse was when creation looked up to God and said, 'Father.

What do we do now? Our leader has fallen ... who will look after us now?'

And God said, 'You have to go with the man. You also have to reap the consequences of man's actions. Even though you've done nothing wrong, you will now also be under a curse ...

Romans 8:20 **SLIDE**

*For the **creation was subjected to futility, not willingly**, but because of Him who subjected it in hope ...*

THIS IS THE FALL OF MAN

So creation plunged into darkness with the man and woman it followed ... Suddenly thorns began to grow ... winter seasons came and destroyed all growth ... pain entered ... fear came and animals started attacking each other ... Then man became corrupt and also started to destroy the planet ... And on and on it went.

BUT GOD WENT ON TO SPEAK ABOUT HOPE

Romans 8:20-21 **SLIDE**

*For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it **in hope ...***

*²¹ Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty** of the children of God.*

God said, even though you must suffer this entropy for 1000's of years, one day ... the seed of the woman will come and save your man who will eventually **be fully glorified** with an even **greater glory** than you knew at the beginning, and at that time, **your man will set you free and you also will share in this glory.**

So since the fall of man all creation has HELD ONTO THE WORD OF HOPE given to it by God and has been waiting and watching with positive anticipation for the sons of God to be revealed.

Romans 8:19 **SLIDE**

*For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits [stretches its neck] for **the revealing of the sons of God.***

PAUL TELLS US ... CREATION 'STRETCHES ITS NECK' IN PENSIVE EXPECTATION ... KNOWING ONE DAY ... THESE GUYS WILL BE MANIFES AND WILL SET US FREE.

IT'S LIKE AN ANCIENT PROPHECY ... Like Simeon and Hannah who waited in the temple around the time of the birth of Jesus.

**WHAT'S CREATION LOOKING FOR? THE REVEALING OF THE SONS OF GOD
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN 'THE REVEALING OF THE SONS OF GOD'?**

It's not God telling creation our title and pointing us out.

This is us actually manifesting God's Glory in us and through us

NB: Verse 18 '... The Glory that will be revealed in us.'

IT'S US BEING MANIFEST WITH THE EXACT CHARACTER OF THE FATHER.

IT'S NOT JUST HYPERBOLE

Quantum Biology tells us that there is life organically pulsing through all created things at a subatomic level ... and they actually communicate.

SLIDE YOU ARE BEING WATCHED WITH EXPECTATION

CREATION WATCHES ... NOT LOOKING FOR WHAT YOU DO WRONG, BUT TO CATCH A SLIGHT GLIMPE OF HIS GLORY IN YOU ... INDICATING THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR ...

Jesus riding into Jerusalem

Luke 19:38-40

[The People cried out] '[Hosanna*] *Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

³⁹And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, *the stones would immediately cry out.*"

*Matthew 21:9 says they cried '**Hosanna**' which means '**Save us**'

Jesus had insight as to the longing that is inherent in creation and He knew that creation recognised His glory ...

Romans 8:21 SLIDE

*Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty** of the children of God.*

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT CREATION'S REACTION WILL BE TO US WHEN WE ARE FULLY GLORIFIED AND TAKEN TO BE WITH THE KING?

1 Chronicles 16:31-33

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns'. (The risen glorified Christ)

*Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; **let the field rejoice**, and all that is in it.*

Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth.

Isaiah 55:12 SLIDE

*For **you** shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; **the Mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing** before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

DO YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE?

As a Child of God, You Are Profoundly Important and Exceedingly Significant but like many of us ... you probably find it hard to believe ...

Even as a born again Christian ...

You may still unconsciously classify yourself according to your past failures.

Some of us struggle with our social status being poor ... Most of us have failed. (I ended up in gaol). Some of us may still carry the stigma of being divorced. We feel second-rate. You say, 'Ah yes, I know it's true that 'Jesus loves me and the Father has forgiven me' but I think, 'God only loves me because He's a loving and merciful Father and probably feels sorry for me'

Like that hat label, 'Jesus Loves me ... but everyone else thinks I'm an idiot'.

It's like a neon sign flashing on your forehead wherever you go in this world.

I feel second rate and therefore I act second rate and people treat me as second rate.

You feel discouraged, wrestle with self-esteem and can't believe in 'The New True You' in Christ.

BUT TODAY WE READ THAT THE ENTIRE CREATION DOES BELIEVE IN 'THE NEW TRUE YOU'.

We read, the entire creation 'stretches its neck' in excitement to see you becoming more and more the 'son of God' you really are and it waits with great expectation for ...

that Day when you become fully glorified ... spirit, soul and body.

Christ's glory is growing in you day by day, but on that glorious day when Jesus appears in His glory, you will also be fully glorified with Him ... and all creation will be set free.

You might not believe in who you are ... but creation does.

YOU HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED WITH AN INDESCRIBABLE DESTINY.

YOU ARE ITS HERO ... You are its redeemer ... You are vitally important.

THE GREAT MEN OF FAITH ARE ALSO WATCHING YOU FROM THE GRANDSTAND - Hebrews 12:1 = the patriarch's box.

- Do you start to perceive who you really are as a son of God?
- Do you begin to grasp the privileges you have as a Co-heir with Christ?
- Do you see how vitally important you are to This Planet?

How significant you are in this place at this time ... How valuable you are as a 'son of God'.