

The Things Freely Given Us of God

Glorification

Introduction

- Romans 8:30—the Greek word translated “glorified” carries the following meanings according to *Strong’s Concordance*: 1) to think, suppose, be of opinion, 2) to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate 3) to honour, do honour to, hold in honour 4) to make glorious, adorn with lustre, clothe with splendor. All the variations of the word i.e., glorify, glorifying, or glorified all come from this same Greek word.
 - Matthew 5:16 (1000)—glorify
 - Luke 2:20 (1073)—glorifying
- There are two English words that we also need to know the meanings of.
 - Glorified—honored; dignified; exalted to glory.
 - Glorification—the act of giving glory or of ascribing honors to. Exaltation to honor and dignity; elevation to glory; as the glorification of Christ after his resurrection.

Introduction

- According to Romans 8:30 we have already been glorified but according to Romans 8:18 there is a future aspect to our glorification as well. So for the purposes of this study we want to consider the following points:
 - How God will be glorified in Israel in the future.
 - How we have already been glorified.
 - The future aspect of our glorification.

Israel Gloried in the Future

- I Peter 1:10-11 (1312)—we spoke at length last Sunday about how all the prophetic passages about the sufferings of Christ have been fulfilled and that remains undone are the passages that speak of “the glory that should follow.” Dispensationally this glory is still future from where we are today.
- Isaiah 26:15 (735)—the Lord is gloried when Israel is increased and prospers.
- Isaiah 44:23—the Lord has glorified himself in Israel by redeeming Jacob.
- Isaiah 49:3—the Lord will be glorified in Israel.
- Isaiah 55:5
- Isaiah 60:1-9
- Isaiah 61:1-3

How Have We Already Been Glorified?

- Romans 8:30—our position of having already being glorified centers around the work of Christ on our behalf. We have already seen in previous study how we have been crucified, buried, risen, quickened, ascended, and seated with Christ in the heavenly places. The fact that we are glorified stem from our identification with Christ.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 (1258)
- Remember that the Greek word translated glorified carries the following meanings: 2) to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate 3) to honour, do honour to, hold in honour 4) to make glorious, adorn with lustre, clothe with splendor.

How Have We Already Been Glorified?

- In Jesus Christ the believer has already been glorified and honored in the following ways. Unlike Israel we don't have to wait for God to be glorified in us we have already been glorified in him. In Jesus Christ we have already been honored; dignified; exalted to glory, and bestowed with the same glory that God bestowed upon his resurrected and ascended Son.
 - Galatians 3:27 (1245)—we have been clothed in the splendor of Christ.
 - Ephesians 2:6 (1251)—we have a position with Christ in the heavenliness far above all principality, power, might, and dominion.
 - Ephesians 1:3—we have been blessed with all spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.
 - Romans 8:17 (1201)—we have been make joint-heirs with Christ.

The Future Aspect of Our Glorification

- Romans 8:18—there is suffering now but glory later. In the context Paul explain how and why we suffer as believers. We live in a world that is groaning and trailing under the curse of sin and we are not immune from suffering. Hope of this future glory is what gets us through the suffering, according to Paul.
- Colossians 3:1-4 (1264)—the next time Christ appears we will appear with him in glory.
- Titus 2:13 (1284)—we are to be looking for our blessed hope that is tied to the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ.
- I Corinthians 15:51-53 (1227)—this corruptible flesh that is subject to the bondage of corruption (Rom. 8:21) will put on incorruption. This mortal flesh that is subject to death and dying will put on immortality.

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- Philippians 3:21 (1260)—we will exchange this vile body for one that is fashioned like the glorious resurrected body of Jesus Christ.
- Ephesians 1:18 (1250)—we will be used of God to inherit the heavenly places.
- It is this hope of future glorification that allows us to stare down the gun barrel of our eventual demise with hope and joy knowing that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.
 - Read quote from Trotter about Hope

Conclusion

- The whole point here, in the context of Romans 8:30, is that for those who “love God,” everything will ultimately work out okay, because God has predetermined this course for anyone who will believe. This does not mean that God has plotted every detail of the believer’s life in advance. It means that within the framework of these boundaries of being predestinated to Christ’s image, called into His service, justified and glorified, the Christian has great liberty to serve God in a variety of ways.
- We see then that as believers we have been freely: predestinated, called, justified, and glorified.