

The Glory to Be Revealed in Us

Rom 8.18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 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. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

***The theme** of suffering & glory is essential if we want to understand what God is doing in our lives, if we want to _____ with him faithfully, and if we want to _____ in the knowledge of God.

Rom 5.2 [W]e ... rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

***Whatever** hardships we endure in this life, they cannot be compared with the greatness of the _____ which God will reveal “in us” and through us (18). Paul wants us to keep that glory in mind, so that we do not become weary & discouraged, but we _____ in this life, because we are eagerly awaiting and anticipating that great day (24-25).

***This glory** will be displayed in and through us in conjunction with the _____, which Paul refers to as “the adoption [and] redemption of our _____” (19, 23).

***Christ saves** the whole man, soul & _____, in two stages: First, the _____ man, when we are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Then the _____ man, our bodies, are redeemed & delivered in the resurrection of life, which is also when our adoption is extended to our bodies (23).

John 5.28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all

who are in the graves will hear [the Son of Man’s] voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

***All the** steps of salvation are certain through the work of Christ and the sovereignty of God, and so the Bible often speaks of them in _____ tense—as already accomplished realities—in order to emphasize how certain they are.

Acts 15.18 “Known to God from all eternity are all his works.”

Eph 2.5 even when we were dead in trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ ... 6 and raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavenly places ...

***The resurrection** of life is also “the revealing of the _____ of God,” for that is when we will be displayed as fully redeemed & glorified humans in the image of God—what we were created to be (19). That is when we will enter “the glorious _____ of the children of God,” for that is when we will be finally & completely “delivered from the bondage of corruption” (21).

***God tells** us we cannot imagine how glorious & wonderful it will be. But he reveals that fact to us so that we will _____. He wants to fuel our imagination, and thus to fuel our _____.

1Cor 2.10 ... “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit ...

***A seed** of grain cannot be made alive unless it is buried in the ground. When it comes to life, it is _____. God has already shown his power to perform this miracle. Our new bodies will be derived from the old, & yet will have new _____ unimaginable from looking at the old.

1Cor 15.36 [W]hat you sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 And ... you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain ... 38 But God gives it a body as He pleases ...

John 12,24 “[U]nless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

***Before the** 1st creation, who besides God could have imagined any part of the creation? Even if one had watched God create a star, who could have then imagined him creating

a _____? Can we limit God to what we can see or imagine? Doesn't even the 1st creation teach us that we cannot _____ him at all?

1Cor 15.39 All flesh is not the same ..., but there is one kind of flesh of men, another ... of animals, ... of fish, and ... of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and ... the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another ... of the moon, and another ... of the stars ...

***Our bodies** will be sown (buried) as “_____ bodies” in corruption, dishonor, and weakness; they will be raised as “_____ bodies” in incorruption, glory, and power. “Natural body” literally means a “_____ body,” one directed in keeping with a fallen human soul. “Spiritual body” means one directed in keeping with the Holy _____. The contrast is not between ships of wood & ships of steel, but between oar driven ships & _____ driven ships.

1Cor 15.42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural [the soulish], and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

***What do** these mean?

– “Last Adam”

– “Life-giving spirit”

– “Lord from heaven”

***From the gospels**, we can tell that Jesus' resurrection body was _____; that it had new _____ that his old body did not; that it bore a resemblance to his old body, and yet looked _____.

Luke 24.30 [A]s He sat at the table with them, ... He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight ... 33 So they rose up ... and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven ... 36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." 37 But they were terrified ... and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38 And He said to them, ... 39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ... 41 ... He said to them, "Have you any food here?" 42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

John 20.14 Now ... [Mary] turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

***It's not** just us who will be glorified in the resurrection— it's the entire _____ (21). Specifically, the creation will _____ of our salvation.

Psalms 115.16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

***The new** creation was inaugurated when _____ rose from the dead. It is culminated when _____ are resurrected, and the creation participates in our glorification.

1Cor 15.20 [N]ow Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

*** Paul says** we and the creation are like a pregnant woman about to give birth (22-23). The woman has life within her womb, and you can see evidence of it outwardly, but you can't see the life in its fullness until the baby is born. Even so, we have the _____'s life within us, and others can see the evidence of that life thru our _____, yet no one can see the fullness of that life until we shine forth in _____ in the resurrection.