

Christmas

The Revelation of God's Glory

part 2

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The glory of God

Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² "And this *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power...

Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

Matthew 13:43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father

The glory of God is His perfect, radiating awesomeness.

How to glorify God: adore and honor God for His awesomeness

The revelation of Christmas

God is perfectly awesome in His...

1. faithfulness

Matthew 1:21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

²² Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

2. power (omnipotence)

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.

³⁶ "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

³⁷ "For nothing will be impossible with God."

3. justice (righteousness)

Romans 3:23 ...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

²⁶ for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

4. wrath

1 John 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

5. grace (love, mercy, forgiveness)

Romans 5:8 ...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

6. fatherliness

Galatians 4:4 ...when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

⁵ in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

7. patience

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

8. holiness

Hebrews 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

9. wisdom (omniscience)

Ephesians 3:8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

⁹ and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;

¹⁰ in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.

¹¹ *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

10. humility

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

11. joy

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

12. peace

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

The gift of glory

John 17:1 These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,

² even as Thou gavest Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom Thou hast given Him, He may give eternal life.

³ "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

⁴ "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

⁵ "And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

... ¹⁰ and all things that are Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

... ²⁰ "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

²¹ that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

²² "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.

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