

**Theme:** The glory which we were made to share as those who bear the image of God is being renewed in us now as Christ lives in us by his Spirit. We await the day when we are finally restored to the fullness of Glory. It is this promise and hope that shapes our lives now and fills us with longing for the fulness of life that belongs to those who are new creations in Christ.

**Background:** Tracing the path of glory.

**Introduction:** What is the blessing for which you long?

## I. The Glory We Share

A. Christ’s glory – has been revealed! In his...

1. Birth – John 1:14; Luke 2:32
2. Crucifixion – 1 Corinthians 2:8
3. Transfiguration! – Luke 9
4. Resurrection - Luke 24:26; 1 Peter 1:21
5. Ascension - 1 Tim 3:16
6. Glory we can see - 2 Corinthians 4:6

B. Our glory *with* Christ

- 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Peter 4:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; John 17:22

C. Glory that does not fade

1. Contrasting *glory* of the law with *glory* of Christ.

a. The law

- Came with glory (7)
- Brought condemnation (9)
- Is being brought to an end (11)

b. The ministry of the Spirit

- Gives *life!* (6)
- With greater glory (8)

c. The *new* overshadows the *old* (10)

- The “old” is not destroyed – It is *overcome* with the greater glory

EXAMPLE: The brightness of a full moon vs. the risen sun

2. The veil of Moses (12ff)

- Veiled before the people
- Uncovered before the Lord

D. Taking hold of glory

1. Turn to the Lord! (16)

a. Removing the veil

- Our futile attempts at glory
- Glory shared with us in Christ Jesus

b. For *freedom* (17)

## I. The Glory We Share (cont.)

### D. Taking hold of glory (cont.)

#### 2. Transformed by Christ (18)

a. With unveiled faces

b. Transformed

- From one degree of glory to another

c. *Beholding* His glory

1) Transformed by *beholding* His glory!

2) Not by *reflecting* (or attempting to) that glory - ***Not By Works!***

## II. The Path of Glory

### A. For the Lord of Glory?

1. Humility – born in human vesture

- Philippians 2:5-8

2. Suffering and sacrifice

- Hebrews 2:9; Luke 24:26; Luke 9:22

3. Resurrection

a. Raised from the dead to glory

- Acts 2:32; 1 Peter 1:20,21

b. Bodily!

- John 20:7; I Corinthians 15:4, 20

4. Ascension

- 1 Peter 1:21

### B. For the servants of the Lord

1. Humility

- 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10

2. Suffering

- Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 5:10

## III. Looking for Glory

### A. Shaping our lives now

1. Seeking a crown that doesn't fade

- 1 Peter 5:6-10

2. We have minds set on things above

- Colossians 3:3-5

### B. A resurrection to glory

- 1 Corinthians 15:43

### C. A crown of glory

- 1 Peter 5:4

### D. Eyes on the prize

- Being transformed, even now, we await the full transformation with the veil removed completely.