

**The 1689 Confession of Faith; Chapter 2 – “Of God and the Holy Trinity”,
Message #40 – “God Gives Glory”, Presented in the Adult Sunday
School Class by Pastor Paul Rendall, on June 18th, 2017**

Paragraph 2 – God, having all (r) life, (s) glory, (t) goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself, is alone in and unto himself all sufficient, not (u) standing in need of any creature which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them; He is the alone fountain of all being, (x) of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things, and He hath most sovereign (y) dominion over all creatures, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever Himself pleaseth; in his sight (z) all things are open and manifest, His knowledge is (a) infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain; He is most holy in all his counsels, in (b)all his works, and in all his commands; to him is due (c) from angels and men, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, as creatures they owe unto the Creator, and whatever He is further pleased to require of them.

(r) John 5: 26; (s) Psalm 148:13; (t) Psalm 119: 68; (u) Job 22 2-3; (x) Rom 11: 34-36; (y) Dan 4: 25, 34-35;

(z) Hebrews 4:13; (a) Ezekiel 11: 5; Acts 15: 18; (b) Psalm 145:17; (c) Rev 5:12-14

1. The Lord God gives grace and glory to every one of His people, both in this life and all through eternity.

Psalm 84: 11 – “ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.” “No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

It is interesting to note that even as the Lord God is a sun and shield to His people, He also will therefore give grace and glory. For the Lord God to give grace to His people, Jesus Christ had to suffer and die and be raised from the dead to purchase all the blessings of our salvation and our transformation from being a sinner to being one of His saints. Then when the Sun of Righteousness arose with healing in His wings, He would shine His glorious light into the darkness of the sinner’s heart and thus they would understand their need of Him, and His grace. What does it mean that the Lord will give glory? He gives glory in showing both sinners and saints the excellency of all that He does for them by His grace. There is the glory of His strength, His wisdom, His power, His love, His justice, and His mercy which is seen in His grace. Satan tries to blind and put a veil over the glory of Christ’s Person and His grace, but in salvation God makes this grace irresistible to the sinner; opening the eyes of His heart to understand.

2nd Corinthians 4: 3 – “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

Matthew Henry says: “The Lord God is a sun and shield. We are here in darkness, but, if God be our God, he will be to us a sun, to enlighten and enliven us, to guide and direct us. We are here in danger, but he will be to us a shield to secure us from the fiery darts that fly thickly about us. With his favor he will compass us as with a shield. Let us therefore always walk in the light of the Lord, and never throw ourselves out of his protection, and we shall find him a sun to supply us with all good and a shield to shelter us from all evil. (2.) What he does, and will, bestow upon them: The Lord will give grace and glory. Grace signifies both the good-will of God towards us and the good work of God in us; glory signifies both the honour which he now puts upon us, in giving us the adoption of sons, and that which he has prepared for us in the inheritance of sons. God will give them grace in this world as a preparation for glory, and glory in the other world as the perfection of grace; both are God's gift, his free gift. And as, on the one hand, wherever God gives grace he will give glory (for grace is glory begun, and is an earnest of it), so, on the other hand, he will give glory hereafter to none to whom he does not give grace now, or who

receive his grace in vain. And if God will give grace and glory, which are the two great things that concur to make us happy in both worlds, we may be sure that no good thing will be withheld from those that walk uprightly. It is the character of all good people that they walk uprightly, that they worship God in spirit and in truth, and have their conversation in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity; and such may be sure that God will withhold no good thing from them, that is requisite to their comfortable passage through this world. Make sure grace and glory, and other things shall be added. This is a comprehensive promise, and is such an assurance of the present comfort of the saints that, whatever they desire, and think they need, they may be sure that either Infinite Wisdom sees it is not good for them or Infinite Goodness will give it to them in due time. Let it be our care to walk uprightly, and then let us trust God to give us everything that is good for us.”