

# Experiencing Christmas Glory

## We Must WALK in God's Glory 1 Corinthians 3:16

**Introduction:** Tomorrow morning you and I will \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.

There was a time in the Old Testament when God's \_\_\_\_\_ rested on the Tabernacle.

We read in 1 Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that \_\_\_\_\_ are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (NKJV).

**We are God's \_\_\_\_\_ —His temple.**

So, how can we walk in God's Glory? We are to walk...

**I. In \_\_\_\_\_ — Romans 8:11**

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

When the early believers came out of the upper room, they were \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the world – they became light in the midst of darkness.

What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ dwelt in these early Christians?

How is that \_\_\_\_\_ to be displayed in our lives today? Allow me to share five ways with you. They are:

- As \_\_\_\_\_ bearers – Philippians 2:15
- Showing \_\_\_\_\_ and forgiveness – Ephesians 4:32

- Walking in \_\_\_\_\_ of life – 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Through \_\_\_\_\_ service – 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Totally \_\_\_\_\_ to God – Romans 12:1-2

So, how can we walk in God's Glory? We can walk...

## II. In \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 17:6

Acts 17:6, *But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."*

**Who turned the world \_\_\_\_\_ down?**

How did the early church \_\_\_\_\_ the world?

- They showed forth the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ for one another daily.
- They shared the \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ their sphere of influence.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ served their generation.
- They lived so \_\_\_\_\_ that people noticed.

How did the early Christians turn the world upside down? They did one BIG thing – they made Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ over every area of their lives.

In Matthew 4:19 Jesus said, *"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."*

That's a good \_\_\_\_\_ – winning souls and making disciples.

## III. In \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 28:18-20

*18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ the world. We do have a message to tell the nations. All of us are called to preach. SLBC doesn't have just one preacher – it has many preachers! The word “preacher” simply means to be a herald. We are to share what we know to be true.

Matthew 28:18-20 the following thoughts:

- We have the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus behind us.
- We have been commanded to “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”.
- It's all about making \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations – to make Christ-followers out of everyone.
- We baptize to \_\_\_\_\_ who's in the family.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ everything that we have been taught and encourage obedience.
- Jesus promises to \_\_\_\_\_ be with us. We are NEVER alone.

Romans 10:15, *And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

**IV. In \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 2:40-47**

*40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**Question:** Does God have every \_\_\_\_\_ of your life today?

- Gospel was being \_\_\_\_\_ and souls saved – 2:40
- People were being \_\_\_\_\_ – 2:41

- \_\_\_\_\_ was occurring daily – 2:42
- Signs and wonder were being done through the apostles – 2:43
- They had \_\_\_\_\_ things in common – 2:44
- They divided their \_\_\_\_\_ up among themselves – 2:45
- They \_\_\_\_\_ in one accord in the temple – 2:46
- They \_\_\_\_\_ God and had favor with all people – 2:47

When you \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s Glory you have a fire in you. This fire is the shekinah glory of God. In the dictionary, the word “shekinah” is defined like this,

(in Jewish and Christian theology) the glory of the \_\_\_\_\_ presence, conventionally represented as \_\_\_\_\_ or interpreted symbolically. (Oxford Dictionaries).

We are told by Paul in Ephesians 6:15, to put on the full \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which includes the shoes of the glorious gospel of peace. There’s glory in your feet!

How many of you remember the phone book commercial that had the following little ditty (short, simple song, rhyme). It went like this, “Let your \_\_\_\_\_ do the \_\_\_\_\_ through the yellow pages?”

May you and I allow our \_\_\_\_\_ to do walking in God’s Glory. This is where faith truly meets the road of life.

**Conclusion:** If you want to Experience Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ then start by practicing the four ways to tap into God’s glory:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s Glory – nature, Jesus, Gospel.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s Glory – “*Please, show me Your Glory.*” (Ex. 33:18).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s Glory – Expectation, Realization, Proclamation (Share God’s Glory).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s Glory – In Power, In Purpose, In Preaching, and In Practice.

If we take these messages and begin to \_\_\_\_\_ them, then we will see God’s Glory in our lives.