

The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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You Are Glorified

Romans 8:30

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Imagine driving down a country road and spotting a classic 1965 Mustang rusting in a field. The tires are flat, the engine is seized, the paint is peeling, and mice have ruined the seats. Most people would look at it and see junk. But a master mechanic sees a masterpiece waiting to breathe again.

He buys the car, drags it into his shop, and gets to work. He doesn't just throw a tarp over the rust or spray-paint the peeling hood. He takes it apart piece by piece. He clears the legal title so it belongs entirely to him. He painstakingly rebuilds the engine, replaces the rusted metal, and polishes it until it shines. Finally, he rolls it out of the garage. It is not just running, but roaring with power, looking even more glorious than the day it rolled off the factory line.

This is exactly what God does with us. In the Bible, the Apostle Paul lays out God's ultimate restoration plan.

Romans 8:30

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

This starts in the mind of God before time began (predestination) and moves through Him drawing our hearts to Him (calling). It continues with Him clearing our legal debt of sin (justification). Then the final step is "the grand reveal" as the newly renovated you rolls out of God's garage **glorified**.

Glorification is the ultimate completion of God's work of salvation in us. It is the moment, occurring at the return of Jesus, when God finishes what He started in us.

THE BODY CHANGED

When many of us picture heaven, we imagine a distant place that in some ways feels like a fantasy. We picture ourselves as glowing, almost see-through images surrounded by clouds, and in a never-ending church service.

But glorification is intensely real. It is the process of perfecting both the inner, unseen parts of who we are and the outer, physical parts of who we are. It is complete legal vindication combined with total moral and physical transformation. We will be immortal, imperishable, and powerful.

It is important to understand that Jesus Himself was glorified after His resurrection. He could be seen and touched; He could also eat. But He could also either walk through walls or simply appear and disappear in places.

THE HEART MADE WHOLE

Think about the deepest struggles in your life right now. At times we harbor jealousy, pride, anxiety, addiction.

The Apostle Paul knew this frustration very well. He wrote in Romans 7 about doing the very things he hated, feeling trapped by his own brokenness. In our current state, we are like that classic car trying to run on bad fuel with a sputtering engine.

But glorification is a complete moral and spiritual revolution. When the Lord returns, we will be transformed into sinless human beings.

STEPPING INTO THE KINGDOM

Ultimately, glorification goes far beyond just personal transformation. It is about where we live and who we live with. Today, we experience our relationship with God through faith, reading Scripture, and prayer. We see Him dimly, like looking through a foggy window. But then, we will see Him face-to-face.

We will have full participation in eternal life - a perfect relationship with God. We will actually reign with Jesus in a perfectly restored universe.

THE ANCHOR FOR TODAY

Why does this matter for your life? Because when you know how the story ends, it changes how you walk through these middle chapters.

When the mechanic looks at that rusted Mustang, he is not discouraged over the rust, because he knows what it is destined to become.

When God looks at you, He sees the finished product. He has promised to bring you complete freedom from sin and death. He has promised to restore you. He has never left a project unfinished; neither will He leave you unfinished!