

## GLORY, GLORIFIED, GLORIFICATION:

I've been challenging myself and what I believe. Things I take for granted as a Christian, things I speak in "Christian-ese" without thinking deeply about what they mean. The Lord put on my heart what does it mean to have "*hope in the glory of God*" **Rom 5:2**? This sentence is after justification and before rejoicing in tribulation and the spiritual the development that comes with obedience during trials. Even more basically, *what does glory mean? We speak about doing things for the glory of God, but what does that mean?*

**Rom 5:2** through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the **glory** of God.

### GLORY: (Vine's Dictionary)

In the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honor, and glory

- splendor, brightness

1. of the moon, sun, stars
2. magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, grace
3. majesty
  1. a thing belonging to God
    1. the kingly majesty which belongs to him as supreme ruler, majesty in the sense of the absolute perfection of the deity
  2. a thing belonging to Christ
    1. the kingly majesty of the Messiah
    2. **the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellency of Christ; the majesty**
3. of the angels
  1. as apparent in their exterior brightness

- a most glorious condition, most exalted state (**I believe this is Rom 5:2 our hope**)

1. of that condition with God the Father in heaven to which Christ was raised after he had achieved his work on earth
2. the glorious condition of blessedness into which is appointed and promised that true Christians shall enter after their Savior's return from heaven

**My goal for today is for each of us to examine ourselves in any circumstance and determine to abide in love to the glory of God.**

### John 17:22 (Theme of this lesson)

"The **glory** which You have given Me I have given to them, **that they may be one**, just as We are one;

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Assume positive intent; wise words from a wise mentor.

- How does the gospel unite us?
- Do I filter my feelings/relationships through the gospel?
- Do I examine my heart?
- Will I take responsibility for unity with my behavior and beliefs?

**Psalm 139:23-24** Ask God to examine my heart and respond in humility and obedience. Repeat.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
 Try me and know my anxious thoughts;  
 24 And see if there be any hurtful way **in me**,  
 And lead me in the everlasting way.

**Psalm 51:10** Restoration

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**John 1:14** Incarnation of love is His glory

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His **glory, glory** as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Luke 9:29-32** Jesus displays His true glory on earth, the transfiguration. Incarnation

29 And while He was praying, **the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing [became] white [and] gleaming.** 30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, 31 who, appearing in **glory**, *were speaking of His departure (death, burial, resurrection)* which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His **glory** and the two men standing with Him.

**Heb 1:3** Jesus Himself is glory

3 And He is the **radiance** (from within Himself as God) of His glory and the **exact representation** (perfect copy as made by a stamp) of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He **sat down** at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (salvation work finished)

**John 13:31-32** Jesus in the upper room, the Last Supper, His death was glory for our salvation.

31 Therefore when he (Judas) had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man **glorified**, and God is **glorified** in Him; 32 if God is **glorified** in Him, God will also **glorify** Him in Himself, and will **glorify** Him immediately.

**John 17:1** Jesus' prayer in the upper room

1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; **glorify** Your Son, that the Son may **glorify** You,

**Heb 2:9** Jesus is our example (Also Phil 2)

But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, [namely,] Jesus, *because of the suffering of death* crowned with **glory** and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

**2 Cor 5:21**

He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rev 5:5, 9,19, 12 Jesus' position in heaven: Worthy, His crucifixion was glory, Tribulation starting.

5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the **Lion** that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has **overcome** so as to open the book and its seven seals." ... 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are **You** to take the book and to break its seals; for **You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood [men] from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.** 10 "You have made them [to be] **a kingdom and priests to our God**; and they will reign upon the earth...." saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and **glory** and blessing."

PICK THE CORRECT ENEMY: The evil one desires division.

Phil 2:1-11 We may have different gifts, opinions, experiences, etc. but have the same goal.

How do we glorify God? If in these verses could be stated as "since"

1 Therefore if there is any **encouragement** in Christ, if there is any **consolation** of love, if there is any **fellowship** of the Spirit, if any **affection and compassion,** 2 make my joy complete by being of the **same** mind, maintaining the **same** love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with **humility of mind** regard one another as **more important than yourselves;** 4 do not [merely] **look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.** 5 Have this attitude in yourselves **which was also in Christ Jesus,** 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, **taking the form of a bond-servant,** [and] being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, **God highly exalted Him,** (glory!) and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW,** of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that **every** tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the **glory** of God the Father.

2 Cor 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of **fortresses.** 5 [We are] destroying **speculations** and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and [we are] taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Am I taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ? I have witnessed comments that challenge my thinking, and painfully challenge my beliefs. What the Lord prompted me to do, is to ask Him, "How do You want me to think about this?"

Are my enemies in the flesh or spiritual? Does Satan want diverse Christians to stand as one in Christ or in division? Will we choose to love each other over and over again?

1 Cor 13: WHAT LOVE IS AND WHAT LOVE IS NOT:

4 Love is patient, love is kind [and] is not jealous; love does not brag [and] is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong [suffered,] 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails;... 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

LOVE IS	LOVE IS NOT
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Patient	Works/gifts/knowledge/faith without love
Kind	Jealous
Rejoices in truth	Bragging
Bears all things	Arrogant
Believes all things	Acts unbecomingly
Hopes all things	Seeks its own
Endures all things	Provoked
Never fails	Takes account wrongs suffered
Grows out of childish things	Rejoices in unrighteousness
Sees our final end in heaven	

Where am I jealous, or arrogant? How do I act unbecomingly? Where do I seek my own? What fortresses do I protect in my life? Have I examined myself for unrecognized sin? We all are sinners saved by grace. The Holy Spirit will empower us with love, mercy and grace. How do I walk in the Spirit and not my flesh? Romans 8.

### 1 John 4:7-11 I am responsible for how I love others, it is only accomplished by the Spirit's power

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 11 **Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

### Col 3:1-4, 8-17

1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, **keep seeking the things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your mind on the things above**, not on the things that are on earth. 3 **For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in **glory**. ... 8 But now you also, **put them all aside**: anger, wrath, malice, slander, [and] abusive speech from your mouth. 9 **Do not lie to one another**, since you laid aside the old self with its [evil] practices, 10 and have **put on the new self** who is being **renewed** to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him-- 11 [a renewal] in which there is no [distinction between] Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, **but Christ is all, and in all.** 12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on a heart** of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; **just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.** 14 **Beyond all these things [put on] love, which is the perfect bond of unity.** 15 **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body;** and **be thankful.** 16 **Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you**, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms [and] hymns [and] spiritual songs, singing with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Is not this glorifying God?

### Rom 12:3-5, 9-13 Behavior within the body

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.** ...

9 [Let] love [be] without hypocrisy.

Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 [Be] **devoted** to one another in brotherly love;

**give preference** to one another in honor;

11 **not lagging** behind in diligence,

**fervent** in spirit,

**serving** the Lord;

12 **rejoicing** in hope,

**persevering** in tribulation,

**devoted** to prayer,

13 **contributing** to the needs of the saints,

**practicing** hospitality.

**Rom 12:17-19 How to behave in the world**

17 **Never** pay back evil for evil to anyone.

Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, **so far as it depends on you**, be at peace with all men.

19 **Never** take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Do we have the same goal? How do we glorify God with our spiritual gifts? Do we serve one another?

**Matt 18:21-22 (Love does not take into account wrongs suffered: 1 Cor 13)**

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. We are to be like computer code: 0-1 are our only numbers!

**Rom 14:13**

Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this--not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

**Gal 6:10**

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and **especially** to those who are of the household of the faith.

**James 1:19-22**

[This] you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be *quick to hear, slow to speak [and] slow to anger*; 20 **for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God**. 21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and [all] that remains of wickedness, **in humility receive** the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. 22 But prove yourselves **doers** of the word, and not merely **hearers** who delude themselves.

**James 3:8-10** How are we speaking?

8 But no one can tame the tongue; [it is] **a restless evil [and] full of deadly poison**. 9 With it we bless [our] Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 **from the same mouth come [both] blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.**

**James 3:17-18**

17 But the wisdom from above is

first pure, (without evil, pure when tested)  
then peaceable, (vs. division)  
gentle, (considerateness that looks humanely and reasonably at the facts of a case)  
reasonable, (easily persuaded, not stubborn)  
full of mercy (outward manifestation of pity) and good fruits,  
unwavering, (without partiality)  
without hypocrisy. (do not be an actor, pretender)

18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in **peace** by those who make **peace**.

### 1 Thes 5:12-18 (How do I behave in church toward our leaders?)

12 But we request of you, brethren, that you **appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.** 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

### Eph 2:14-16 Context of Jews and Gentiles, blood of Christ sufficient for all people

14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both [groups into] one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, [which is] the Law of commandments [contained] in ordinances, **so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, [thus] establishing peace,** 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

### PRAY THE SCRIPTURE (Notice prayers of the Bible and pray them)

#### Eph 1:18 Our salvation brings glory to God's love and grace

18 [**I pray that**] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the **hope** of His calling, what are the **riches** of the **glory** of His inheritance in the saints,

#### Eph 3:14, 16-19

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ... 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His **glory**, to be **strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,** 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; [and] that you, being **rooted and grounded in love,** 18 may be able to **comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and **to know the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

#### Psalm 37:8 I needed this verse when my heart was broken

Cease from anger and forsake wrath;  
**Do not fret;** [it leads] only to evildoing.

#### Eph 4:26-30 Know which enemy we are fighting!

26 BE ANGRY, AND [yet] DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, **27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.** 28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have [something] to share with one who has need. 29 **Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,** but only such [a word] as is good for edification according to the need [of the moment,] **so that it will give grace to those who hear.** 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

**Matt 7:3-5 (repeated in Luke 6:41-42) Judgmental spirit check.**

3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**Rom 7:19 Check again!**

For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the **very evil** that I do not want.

**Rom 15:1-6 Do we have the goal of unity to glorify God?**

1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not [just] please ourselves. 2 Each of us is to please his neighbor for **his good, to his edification**. 3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." 4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 **Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 15:8** "My Father is **glorified** by this, that you bear much **fruit**, and [so] prove to be My disciples.

**FRUIT: Gal 5:22-26** 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is

love,

joy,

peace,

patience,

kindness,

goodness,

faithfulness,

23 gentleness,

self-control;

against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus **have crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires. 25 If we **live** by the Spirit, let us also **walk** by the Spirit. 26 **Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.**

**Gal 6:1-5**

1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one **in a spirit of gentleness**; [each one] **looking to yourself**, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 **Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ**. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 **But each one must examine his own work**, and then he will have [reason for] boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load.

**2 Cor 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

#### **Phil 4:1-8**

1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long [to see,] my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia (*you owe me!*) and I urge Syntyche (*so touchy!*) to **live in harmony** in the Lord. 3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in [the cause of] the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 **Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your **gentle [spirit] be known to all men**. The Lord is near. 6 **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by **prayer** and **supplication** with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will **guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, if there is **any** excellence and if **anything** worthy of praise, **dwell on these things**.

#### **Eph 4:31 Watch out for these things in your thoughts, words and actions.**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

#### **Heb 12:15 My anger doesn't affect just me**

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

#### **Rev 19:11-16 Ultimate and eternal victory, and He is on our side.**

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it [is] called **Faithful and True**, and in **righteousness** He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes [are] a flame of fire, and on His head [are] many diadems; and He has a name written [on Him] which no one knows except Himself. 13 [He is] clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white [and] clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**"

#### **Rev 20:12, 15 Jesus' salvation, grace and mercy alone. Only saved and unsaved.**

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ... 15 *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Is my issue actually biblical sin? Or personal preference or annoyance? What Scripture applies?
2. **Will I do the right thing when the situation presents itself?** Even with people who have harmed me?
3. Has it passed Philippians 4 and other scriptures? Firstly, is my thinking true?
4. Is it profitable? Does it benefit the church? Or other believers? **Should I hit "pause" until I understand more of the other person's point of view? Thank you Tony Evans!**
5. Am I praying blessing or salvation for this person? Do I need to forgive them? Am I becoming bitter about an offense? Do I need to change **myself** rather than expecting another to change?