

1. EVERYONE THAT KNOWS JESUS HAS GLORY IN THEM BECAUSE JESUS GAVE US HIS GLORY.

In John 17:22a Jesus said to the Father, “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them (NKJV).”

2 Thess. 2:14 To this end he handpicked you for salvation through the gospel so that you would have the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (TPT).

Also see Rom. 8:30 and Heb. 2:10.

2. THE GLORY OF GOD INCREASES IN OUR LIVES THROUGH TRIALS.

The enemy has a huge problem when we depend on the Lord through our trials. Complaining and bitterness will shut down what God wants to do in our lives. Trusting the Lord in trials will drive us into the Lord which produces more glory in us.

2 Cor. 4:17 We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity. We see our difficulties as the substance that produces for us an eternal, weighty glory far beyond all comparison (TPT).

If we are serious about following Jesus, the glory will increase but we must die to our selfish ways, live with humility, and follow Him even when it means hardship and persecution. Rom. 8:17 tells us we must share Jesus' suffering in order to share His glory. The Lord will be faithful to give us strength to go through suffering.

Recently someone in a Bible study said he has been rejected by his family for being a Christian. I said that means the Spirit of glory rests on you. I encouraged him to embrace that glory.

1 Pet. 4:14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you (NIV).

Peter was an expert on the glory of God.

Acts 5:15b [T]hey even carried their sick out into the streets and put them on cots and sleeping pads, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on one of them [with healing power]. 16 And the people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing the sick and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all being healed (AMP).

Amazing miracles were taking place through the apostles. The shadow coming off Peter that healed people was not an ordinary shadow. I believe people were healed even on a cloudy day. The Greek word for “fall” in verse 15 is also used in the description of Jesus translated “overshadowed” in Matt. 17:5. This overshadowing was the glory of the Father which was seen by Peter, James and John on Jesus (Matt. 17:5). I believe it was the glory in Acts 5:15 which was coming off Peter when he walked down the street which healed people.

Acts 5:40b They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name (NIV).

We see Peter and the apostles being flogged yet rejoicing! I believe the glory gave them supernatural strength even when they were flogged.

3. THE GLORY GIVES US SUPERNATURAL LIFE, STRENGTH AND POWER TO RISE ABOVE OUR STRUGGLES AND BONDAGE AND MAKE THE GOSPEL KNOWN TO ALL NATIONS.

The glory brings life into our soul and body which brings breakthroughs. Just before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead He said to Martha, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God (John 11:40, NIV)?” Lazarus was then raised from the dead by the glory of God which brings resurrection power. Rom. 6:4 says, “[J]ust as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (NKJV).” Eph. 3:16 tells us that out of the riches of His glory there is strength and power for our inner being. The glory changes us. As we look at the Lord, we are changed into His image from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18).

Isa. 60:1 Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising (AMPC).

During a time of darkness like we have now, people who are serious about following the Lord will arise and shine with His glory. This is what God wants to do now. He wants to increase His glory and raise us up out of our depression and struggles into new life so the nations can see His glory on us. He wants us to carry His glory to set the captives free, heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead; that we would do the works of Jesus and greater works (John 14:12). The glory of the Lord will be revealed to all people over the whole earth (Isa. 40:5, Num. 14:21, Hab. 2:14). This will happen and He wants to use His people to do it.

I have been given prophetic words that I have a gold shield and gold sword for battle and gold in my backpack. Gold in prophetic words, dreams and visions often represents the glory of God. I have glory as protection, as a glory weapon (authority in my words against the enemy), and glory to impart to others. This glory has been built up because I have pursued the Lord in the suffering.

I have had many experiences in my life with the glory of God coming on me and I am healed in that moment. I am energized and the attack of the enemy is pushed off me.

The most significant experience with the glory happened 29 years ago. I was working as a church custodian trimming a bush behind one of the buildings. I was not doing anything special spiritually. Suddenly glory came on me and the Father began to speak to me in my spirit very loudly. I could see a glow of glory around me. The Father talked about how pleased he was with me as His son and that He had a significant calling for me. I felt His tangible love and protection. During this encounter my body seemed to be healed. The glory did begin to dissipate over the next few days, but the Father kept speaking to me and gave me some significant visions. I did not understand much about the glory at that time, but it made me very hungry to experience the presence of the Lord and His glory.

Recently when I was studying the topic of glory, I came across the following verse in Isaiah. It describes my experience. I felt this glory canopy over me.

Isa. 4:5b [O]ver all the glory and brilliance will be a canopy [a defense, a covering of His divine love and protection] (AMP).

I also read Peter’s description of the transfiguration of Jesus. I am not perfect like Jesus, but I have told the Father for many years that I want to be conformed to the image of Jesus (Rom. 8:29), to be a

mature son of God (Rom. 8:14,19). The Father loves us just like Jesus (John 17:23) and He loves to give us His approval telling us He is pleased with us.

2 Pet. 1:17 For when He was invested with honor and [the radiance of the Shekinah] glory from God the Father, such a voice as this came to Him from the [splendid] Majestic Glory [in the bright cloud that overshadowed Him, saying], "This is My Son, My Beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased and delighted" (AMP).

In the summer of 2019, I had another significant experience with the glory. Ryan and his father, Tom Denlinger, came to my house. Tom and I started LightShine Ministries in 1991. Ryan shared his vision for Empowering Global. As we talked the glory of God came on me very strongly. The inner ear disease began to vanish, and I was energized. We ended up talking for almost 4 hours. At the time I would only be able to talk to people for about 2 hours and then would become very tired. The glory slowly left after they left. This happened again as we met a few weeks later. This proved clearly that I was to connect to Ryan and that healing and God's plans for me were through His glory replacing the oppression of the enemy.

4. GETTING MORE OF THE GLORY.

The glory continues to come upon me at times when I am alone with the Lord and in fellowship with others who are strongly pursuing the glory and presence of the Lord.

We need to keep doing the basic things to get closer to God and then ask Him to show us His glory. Be like Moses who said I want to see Your glory (Exod. 33:18). We were designed to see His glory, be changed by His glory, and reflect and carry His glory! David was thirsty for God.

Ps. 63:1 O God, You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs and is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is. 2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory (AMPC).

David looked upon the Lord in the sanctuary and saw His power and glory. Today we are the sanctuary of God. We need His glory to rise within us.

Ps. 24:7 Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle (NIV).

David is declaring that the King of glory must come through the gates and doors. I have been telling Jesus who is the King of glory, that "I want more of Your glory in me. I dedicate my body and soul to You. Fill this temple with Your glory! I need Your glory in me to empower me to be mighty in battle because I know I am weak."