

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Reflecting the Glory of God

Exodus 34: 27 – 32

As believers, in order to accomplish the spiritual purpose that God has in store for us in our lives, we must come to know and experience a spiritual, intimate relationship with him. And although we must let our light so shine, (As Christ tells us in Matthew 5: 14 – 16) there are times that we must soften the intensity of that spiritual light in order to interact with those who might become blinded or frightened by seeing such a light that they are not ready to understand or accept, always remembering, that the light of Christ presence within us, will never fade away.

Matthew 5: 14 - 16,....let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven....

So, how will we know when, and how to react, in our own spiritual intensity, as we engage in conversation with humanity. We will only know through God's guidance in our life, which must remain constant within us.

So, we are going to go to the book of Exodus to see the effects of the reflection of the glory of God upon those around us.

Exodus 34: 27 - 32,....Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone....when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone....

The light which shone from the face of Moses was a light which radiated from the soul, a light which came from within, which was the effects from the days and nights spent in the presence of an almighty God, forty days and nights on the top of the mountain. So, what does this mean to us today. For the believer who goes to the word of God in true humility with the desire to learn and to do the will of the Lord, that spirit of humility that comes forth from within shines forth. When this spirit of the word of God shines forth, humanity fears it. God wants us to experience his glory daily in our lives. Being born of God, through salvation, means that Gods glory is ever present in our lives. God's glory means the power to, resurrect, deliver, overcome, and transform. It is greater than any other power in existence.

John 1: 12 – 13,....as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become the children of God....

It is through our union with Christ that we are brought into fellowship with the living God. By believing in the cross, Christ death and resurrection, we are justified through our salvation. This light that shines in darkness will continue to shine forth to others and grow stronger day by day as we grow and mature in the word of God. God gives to all those who will receive the salvation of Jesus Christ, the honor to become the children of God, as well as the privilege to experience spiritually, his power, which enables us to do his will. Believing on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, is the start of an amazing, everlasting journey, as a child of God. To believe in his name means, accepting everything that he teaches us through his word. Christ is the light of the world, and we are created by him, and as his created light, we are but a dim shadow of his true light, that lights every man and woman that comes into the world.

So, this morning we will look at four things, that allows us to reflect God's glory, so that others may see it.

These four things are: looking for the glory of God, praying for the glory of God, preparing for the glory of God, and walking in the glory of God.

So, the first one that we want to look at is: Looking for the glory of God.

If, we as Christians are not expecting to see the glory of God, then we will probably not see it. The glory of God takes faith to see. Humanity wants this kind of glory but does not want to commit to the only one who can provide this glory. So, they look for something bigger and better in the world to give it to them. Worldly glory can never produce the warm glow of the love of God, that shines from within to without, for all to see.

Acts 7: 55 – 56,....but he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God....

So, we ask ourselves the question, can we see the manifestation of Gods glory in our life today. It is very important, as Christians, to keep ourselves in a place spiritually, that we may always see Christ in his heavenly, exalted position. Seeing Christ in his glory, means seeing him as having all authority, might, power, dominion, strength, wisdom, knowledge and understanding. When we can do this, we can truly say, that we our continually, daily, in our Christian life, looking to see the glory of God.

The second thing is: Praying for the glory of God.

How do we pray for the glory of God. We pray that, his glory will be revealed in us, and through us. We not only diligently ask for it, but to seek for it as well. As we pray for the glory of God, he will begin to reveal unto us his great signs and wonders through the body of Christ, and also in our own personal lives as believers.

John 11: 40,....did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God....

Every believer has the ability to manifest God's glory, within themselves here upon this earth, but only if we believe and pray. We must not only pray for the glory of God, but pray that we will understand the riches of his glory as he bestows this upon us.

The third thing we must do is: We must prepare for the glory of God.

To experience the fullness of Gods glory, we must prepare in the spirit of God. It takes great faith to prepare, and to receive, the glory, that God has in store for us.

Galatians 5: 5 – 6,....for we through the spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith....faith working through love....

The glory of God will increase in our life, as the love of God increases in our life. So, to prepare, and increase the amount of glory in our life, we must walk in God's love. More love means more glory. This means that we are on the way to becoming complete in our preparation for the glory of the Lord.

And the fourth thing that we must do to reflect the glory of God is: Walk in the glory of the Lord.

The glory of God needs a dwelling place. The original dwelling place, the tabernacle of God, now no longer needed, due to Christ and the cross, because the Holy Spirit now builds within each believer, a temple for the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 3: 18,....we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed....from glory to glory, just as by the spirit of the Lord....

It is one thing to have the glory, it is another to know how to walk in it. We must not live without understanding God's glory and what it means in our life. Just as Moses reflected the glory of God, so shall we as believers, in close fellowship with God, reflect his character as we display the character of God, to a watching, waiting world, then will we faithfully declare the truth of salvation to those who will freely and willingly accept.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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