



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Reflect/shun

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- Paul is describing the progressive transformation of believers into the likeness of Christ
- B. The heart of this series is transformation (what this verse tells us is)
 - We are transformed into the image that we see in the mirror
 - You will always act like the person you believe yourself to be
 - Our beliefs govern what we think, say and do
 - The end result is...Transformation
- C. Two mindsets that drive transformation
 - Transformation FROM who we currently are
 - Transformation INTO who God intended us to be
 - Transformation requires an understanding of Grace and Glory

“Grace and glory differ very little, one is the seed the other is the flower. Grace is glory militant, glory is grace triumphant.” – Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

II. GLORY

A. Definition of Glory in the New and Old Testament

- Hebrew: Kabod (Strong's H3519) The Hebrew word comes from a root meaning "weight" or "heaviness." It conveys the idea of significance, honor, or the tangible "weightiness" of God's presence and character

Exodus 24:16-18 (NLT) And the glory of the Lord settled down on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from inside the cloud. To the Israelites at the foot of the mountain, the glory of the Lord appeared at the summit like a consuming fire. Then Moses disappeared into the cloud as he climbed higher up the mountain. He remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Ezekiel 1:26-28 (NLT) Above this surface was something that looked like a throne made of blue lapis lazuli. And on this throne high above was a figure whose appearance resembled a man. From what appeared to be his waist up, he looked like gleaming amber, flickering like a fire. And from his waist down, he looked like a burning flame, shining with splendor. All around him was a glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds on a rainy day. This is what the glory of the LORD looked like to me. When I saw it, I fell face down on the ground, and I heard someone's voice speaking to me.

- Greek: Doxa (Strong's G1391) New Testament, doxa is used to mean God's radiant splendor, honor, and divine self-revelation. God manifesting Himself—to humanity. It's God "showing up and showing off" who He is. His acts (miracles, redemption) and His nature (grace, truth, righteousness)

B. Moses gets a glimpse of the Glory of God

Exodus 33:18-19 (NKJV) And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

- Glory is a revelation of all that God is and all that God has



C. And we beheld His glory

III. FROM GLORY TO GLORY

A. Face to face with God's glory

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV) In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Colossians 2:9 (NKJV) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

B. One with Him

John 17:18-21 (NLT) Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

C. From glory to glory

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NKJV) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 1:27 (NIV) To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

John 17:21-23 (NLT) I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

D. Our response to God's glory

Psalms 29:2 (NKJV) Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."