

Building the *CORE* Series
Glorification: A Core Hope
Romans 8:18-30, I Corinthians 15:37-58
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“Glorification is the final step in the application of redemption. It will happen when Christ returns and raises from the dead the bodies of all believers for all time who have died, and reunites them with their souls, and changes the bodies of all believers who remain alive, thereby giving all believers at the same time perfect resurrection bodies like his own.” Grudem p.828

“The stage in the application of redemption when we receive resurrection bodies is called glorification”

“Glorification is multidimensional. It involves both the individual and collective eschatology. It involves the perfecting of the spiritual nature of the individual believer, which takes place at death, when the Christian passes into the presence of the Lord. It also involves the perfecting of the bodies of all believers, which will occur at the time of the resurrection in connection with the second coming of Christ. “ (Millard Erickson, p. 997).

Big Idea: Understanding future Glorification will bring hope to the core of our being, spiritually and to our present life, physically.

Glorification is our core hope because we know that:

- I. Future Glorification brings _____ in present trials.
Romans 8:18-30

Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The

creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Our Response: Ask the Holy Spirit to help us through trials. Think about how only God can redeem suffering and pain, (Romans 8:18, 28). Trials can be turned to the “gold” of His glory.

II. At our death, we are conformed _____ to the image of Jesus. Romans 8:29-30

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I John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Philippians 1:23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

Colossians 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Our Response: Ask the Lord to show us how He is making us like His Son spiritually. Walk in the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16. Our hope is strengthened by knowing that God's work will be finished in our lives.

III. At the second coming, we are conformed _____
to be like Jesus. I Corinthians 15:37-58

1Corinthians 15:37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

Isaiah 26:19 But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

A. Perishable becomes _____. I Corinthians 15:42

1 Corinthians 15:42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; (See Matthew 13:43, Daniel 12:3)

B. Dishonorable becomes _____. I Corinthians 15:43a

1 Corinthians 15:43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;

C. Weakness becomes _____. I Corinthians 15:43b

1 Corinthians 15:43b it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

D. Physical becomes _____. I Corinthians 15:44

1 Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Philippians 3:21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 Corinthians 15:49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

Luke 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

E. We will _____ each other in heaven. Matthew 8:11

Matthew 8:11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. (Luke 9:29,30, 33)

IV. At the second coming, Glorification of the body is _____ . I Corinthians 15:51-58

1Corinthians 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. *Always give yourselves fully* to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (See I Thessalonians 4:13-18, John 6:39-40)

Our Response: Because we know that God is going to finish the work He has started in us, we fully give ourselves to His work. We know that it will be worth it.