

Our Glory In Christ, and His glory In Us.

2 Thessalonians 1:10-12 "When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We have looked at so much in this chapter 1. We are bound to give thanks to God for everything that happens in our life. We know that trials, tribulations, persecutions, are a part of life that God has ordained for us. We know that vengeance is not ours to return to those that bring us these trials, tribulations, persecutions, that the Lord will recompense their reward to them, Romans 12:19 "*Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*" We as God's children through the personal work of His Beloved Son Jesus Christ is our glory in which we will glory forever and ever. However, Christ gets glory from us, and it is in our works as Christians. For all eternity He will be gloried in the crowns you have received for the works you have done according to His word, He will receive glory from our work in the churches. Our life as Christians is solely to bring glory and honor for the Saviour, to our Father. The entire object of our salvation on this earth and in heaven will be to make Jesus Christ glory shine through our works. God saving us is not about us, it's not about us as individuals, God can use any of His creation, He uses a burning bush to talk to Moses. God used Angels to His glory, a stick to His glory, a shake to His glory. As God's children we ought to thank God daily He elected to use us for His glory, isn't it wonderful to be used of God to bring glory to our Saviour? Indeed, is it! Let's look at our study...

- A. His coming again is about His glory. "When he shall come to be glorified in his saints..." V. 10
1. The artist is known by his work. They stand in front of some great picture, or you listen to some great symphony, or you read some great book, and you say, "This is the glory of this person." But here Christ points to His saints, and He says, this is my glory! Wow!! **Romans 11:36** "*For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*"
 2. But the relation between Christ and His saints is far deeper and more intimate than just glory, we are the Father's gift to His Beloved Son.
 3. I believe the world will see, Christ with us and us with Christ, the glory we have before they suffer the wrath that is ahead for them. They will see us ascend to the cloud, to our Glorious Saviour with the angels.

4. Jesus said in "The Lords Prayer" **John 17:9 - 10** "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (10) And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
- B. The church is His glory, the church.
1. The church and the saints are different, the church is the bride. **Psalms 89:7** "*God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.*" Is God feared in all assemblies? No! Just the assembly of the true Saints. That is Christ glory.
 2. **Ephesians 3:20 - 21** "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (21) Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*"
 3. In eternity, all glory belongs to Jesus Christ, Whom is a glory to His Father. We are part of that glory.
- C. The Father Will call us WORTHY of our calling.
1. Christian need to concern themselves with their calling. Our purpose is to bring glory to Christ, DO WE?
 2. If every Christian is not concerned about bringing glory to Jesus, then we are not good Christians.
 3. Paul said, **Colossians 1:29** "*Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*"
 4. Remember what we read back in **2 Thessalonians 1:5** "*Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:*" Our trials, tribulations, and persecutions, are counted as our worthiness.
 5. Obedience and service to God do not spring from human talent and efforts, but from God's grace power as we trust Him. – Remember God said in Verse 3 "*We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly...*" because God allowed us to suffer for our Saviour, and our church.
 6. If we believe God, we will receive His power in our lives. We cannot be victorious in trials, tribulations, and persecutions, if we only trust ourselves; but we can be victorious through trusting Him.

7. God speaks about the Elders and their honor, **1 Timothy 5:17 - 18** *“Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. (18) For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.”* – Everyone must be worthy of their calling for rewards.
- D. The glory is a two-way street. V. 12 *“That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*
 1. Isn't it good to be able to bring glory to Jesus Christ? Won't it be good when Jesus says, “good and faithful servant”.
 2. Is Jesus gloried in you? Is He gloried well in you? Are you a good and faithful servant? Are you? If not, it needs to be corrected.
 3. **1 Peter 4:12 - 14** *“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: (13) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (14) If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.”*