

# The Manifestation of Glory

(Rom 8:18-23)

- Remember the context is the assurance of justification by faith

## I. Full redemption

A) God's glory and honor prevent the world from being left as it is

1. The regeneration of creation is itself an assurance for the believer and his final and full redemption

B) "In hope" (v.20)

1. This is linked to the subjection of the creation to the curse of sin

- i. Gen 3:15- The hope was given alongside the curse
- ii. Our "hope" is Christ in all things, and it is Christ that is the Seed
  - a) Thus the "groaning and travailing" of creation does not suggest that creation itself will bring forth something better (as in springtime)
    - 1) This is basically the teaching of evolution and the naturalist religions
    - 2) This is also the core teaching of all man-made religions
    - 3) This can also be seen in man with our "new years resolutions"
    - 4) Matt 12:43-45- Worthless self-reformation

## II. Glory

A) Glory is to be manifested in 3 ways:

1. In Christ

- i. Matt 17:1-6- Glimpse of His glory in the Transfiguration
  - a) 2 Pet 1:15-18- Peter was forever assured by this
    - 1) "Majesty"- *megalaiotas*- Visible splendor, divine greatness
  - b) Acts 7:55- Stephen caught a glimpse of it
  - c) Acts 9:3- Paul experienced it
  - d) Matt 24:29-31- As lightning shineth
  - e) 2 Thess 1:6-10- His coming in brightness
  - f) 2 Thess 2:8- Destruction of man of sin by the glory of His coming
  - g) Revelation is full of this: Rev 1:7-19, 5:6-8, 17:14, 19:11

2. In us

- i. Rom 8:19- The manifestation of the sons of God
  - a) Rom 8:17- Glorified together
  - b) Rom 8:18- "In us"
  - c) Eph 3:10- God's plan manifested in the final redemption of church
  - d) Matt 13:41-43- Shine forth in glory
  - e) Dan 12:2-3- Shine as stars of heaven

### 3. In creation

- i. Rom 8:21- Creation to be glorified in liberation from sin
  - a) Isa 66:22-24- New heavens and new earth
  - b) Acts 3:19-21- The regeneration
  - c) 2 Pet 3:7-15- The coming new heavens and earth
  - d) Rev ch 21- Symbolic language of glorification
  - e) Heb 12:26-28- Creation glorified
  - f) 1 Cor 15:24-28- The kingdom perfected and delivered up

### III. Adoption

A) Adoption is the “placing as sons” in their inheritance

1. Roman adoption was a much different thing than we have today

B) Rom 8:23- Adoption here means full rights including the redemption of our body and life in our inheritance

1. The saints will be physically glorified:

- i. 1 Cor 15:39-54- Corrupt puts on incorruption, mortal puts on immortality
  - a) “Changed” = glorified
- ii. 2 Cor 3:18- Being changed from glory to glory
- iii. 2 Cor 5:1-7- Our house in heaven
- iv. Phil 3:20-21- Vile body (body of humiliation) glorified
- v. 1 Cor 13:12- We see Christ now in the mirror of God’s word
  - a) But then face to face
  - b) From the shadow in O/T, to the mirror of revelation in the N/T to the manifestation of personal appearance in glory

2. The saints will be perfected in all 3 realms of existence:

- i. 1 Thess 5:23- Your whole body, soul and spirit...
- ii. Eph 5:26-27- Presented without spot or wrinkle
- iii. Col 1:28- Perfected
- iv. Rev 7:13-16- Perfected in white as the bride (Rev 21:1-4)

3. The saints will receive their inheritance:

- i. Matt 25:34- The kingdom prepared for you
- ii. Matt 5:5- The meek shall inherit the earth (new)
- iii. Heb 2:5- The world to come put under man
- iv. 2 Tim 4:8- The crown of righteousness

4. The saints will be active:

- i. Rev 7:15- Serving Him
- ii. 1 Cor 6:1-3- Ruling and judging
- iii. Matt 19:27-30- Ruling in the regeneration