

The Hope of Glory

(Rom 5:1-2)

- Paul is detailing the results of justification by faith, which is assurance; and we have considered 2 aspects of this: 1) peace with God and 2) standing/access to grace (rather than wrath)

I. Definitions

A) Rejoice- “To boast; jubilation, celebration, to glory in”

1. Rom 2:17- “Makest thy *boast* of God”
2. Rom 5:3- “we *glory*”
3. 1 Cor 1:31- “He that *glorieth*, let him *glory* in the Lord”
 - i. Compare Paul’s boasting in God in Rom 8:31-39

B) Hope- “Confident anticipation”

1. Heb 6:11-20 “Full assurance of hope” the “anchor of the soul”
2. Tit 1:2- “Hope” based upon “God that cannot lie”

C) Glory- “Splendor, magnificence, dignity, perfection; most exalted state”

1. 1 Tim 6:15-16- “Dwelling in the light which no man can approach”
 - i. Ex 40:33-38- The glory of the Lord fills the tabernacle
2. Luke 9:27-35- The Mount of Transfiguration
 - i. 2 Pet 1:14-21- Peter, James and John “eyewitnesses of His majesty”

II. Expectation of glory

A) What the child of God shall see

1. Father- We shall actually and literally be brought unto God finally, this is the end of our faith
 - i. 1 Pet 3:18- Christ died to “bring us unto God”
 - ii. Matt 5:8- “Blessed are the pure (made pure) in heart, they shall see God”
 - iii. John 6:46- Christ “hath seen the Father” and so shall we
2. Lord Jesus Christ- We shall look on Christ unveiled in all His majesty
 - i. Heb 1:1-3- Christ the “brightness of God’s glory”
 - ii. John 17:1-5 & 24- “That they may be with Me in glory”
 - iii. Isa 6:1-5- Isaiah saw something of His glory (John 12:41)
 - iv. Acts 7:55- Stephen also saw
 - v. Acts 26:13- Paul blinded by brightness as noon day sun
 - vi. 2 Cor 12:1-10- Paul saw the Lord in 3rd heaven
 - a) 1 Cor 13:12- We see darkly now, but then “face to face”
 - b) 2 Cor 3:18- Unveiled glory of the Lord “as in a glass” (reflected)

B) What the child of God shall be (and must be to stand before Him 1 Cor 15:50-53)

1. 2 Cor 3:18- “Being changed from glory to glory”

2. 1 John 3:1-2- “We shall be like Him”
3. Phil 3:21- He shall “change our vile body into a glorious body”
 - i. Vile- “Humiliation, humbled, laid low” by sin
4. Rom 8:18-25- “The glory which shall be revealed in us”
 - i. Revealed/manifestation- unveiled (*apocolypto*)
 - a) Rom 3:23- “Come short of the glory of God” due to the veil of sin
 - 1) We do not have that direct communion with God as Adam once did
 - 2) We do not glorify Him as we are meant to
 - (a) Therefore, full salvation must be preached and must include the “redemption of the body” (Rom 8:23/Rom 13:11)
 - (1) 1 Thess 5:23- Spirit, soul and body
 - (2) 1 Cor 15:35-49- Corruption must put on incorruption
 - (b) 1 Cor 1:30- Redemption finally of the body

III. Glorification of the saints begins in this world

- A) 2 Cor 3:18- “Being changed from glory to glory” (sanctification)
 1. Psa 84:7- From “strength to strength”
 2. Rom 1:17- From “faith to faith”
 3. 2 Cor 4:16-18- Outward man perishing, inward man renewed “day by day”
 4. Col 1:27- “Christ in you, the hope of glory”
 - i. This is regeneration: the heavenly seed planted in earthly soil and beginning to bring forth fruit
 - ii. Matt 5:14-16- “Let your light shine” (reflect His glory)
 - a) John 1:14- Beheld His glory; full of grace and truth
 - 1) The church is as the moon to the Sun of Righteousness
 - 2) When we behold His glory, and then begin to reflect it, His people will be drawn to the Light
 - iii. Hymn “Marching To Zion”
- B) Rom 8:29-30- Jumps sanctification and goes straight to glorification
 1. Phil 1:6- “He which hath begun a good work....”
 2. This is the confident boasting/rejoicing Paul is proclaiming to those have been justified by faith
 - i. Rom 4:16- “That the promise may be sure”
 - a) Hymn “Blessed Assurance”
 - b) It isn’t modesty to not proclaim this hope, it is unbelief
 - ii. Tit 2:13- Blessed hope at “glorious appearing”
 - a) 2 Thess 2:8- The “brightness of His coming”
 3. Col 3:1-4- “Set your affection on things above”