

The Glory Which Shall Be Revealed

(Rom 8:18)

- Remember the context is the assurance of justification by faith

I. “Reckon”

A) *Logizomai*- To reason, to account, to arrive at a conclusion, to logically conclude

1. This is the same word elsewhere translated as “impute”
2. This is not referring to “positive thinking” or “stoicism”, neither is it persuading oneself, or “putting mind over matter”
3. This is to think logically upon all the facts presented, and to arrive at a conclusion
 - i. It is a mode of thinking, or a “worldview”
 - a) Worldview- “A worldview is the set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of Reality that ground and influence all one's perceiving, thinking, knowing, and doing.”

B) The Christian “reckoning” is based fundamentally upon a comparison:

1. “This present time”

- i. Time here means “age” or “world”
- ii. It is not referring to time as a portion of this age, as in “well today is bad, but tomorrow will be better”
- iii. This is the basis for a correct Christian worldview
 - a) 1 John 2:15-17- This world passes away
 - b) James 4:14- This life temporary
 - c) Job 14:1-2- Man’s days are short and full of trouble
- iv. But even the lost know that life is short and even troublesome
 - a) Eph 2:12- “Having no hope without Christ”
 - b) 1 Cor 15:32- “Eat and drink for tomorrow we die”
 - 1) This is the basic worldview of lost man today

2. “The glory which shall be revealed”

- i. Gen 3:15- Ever since the fall of man, the children of God have looked for the age to come
 - a) The Jews lived in expectation of the Messianic Age (“last days”) in which would come redemption
 - 1) Christians are to also live in expectation of the age to come, what Paul here calls the “redemption of the body” and all creation
 - 2) Every New Testament writer speaks of this:
 1. John 14:1- “Behold, I go to prepare for you a place...”

2. Acts 1:11- “This same Jesus shall come again....”
3. Acts 3:19-21- “The restitution of all things...”
4. Eph 1:14 & 4:30- “Sealed unto the day of redemption”
5. Col 3:4- “When Christ shall appear....”
6. 2 Tim 4:1- ‘At His appearing and kingdom....”
7. Tit 2:11-13- “Blessed hope and glorious appearing...”
8. Heb 9:28- “He shall appear the 2nd time...”
9. 1 Pet 1:3-13- Peter goes into much detail
- 10.1 John 3:1-2- “When He shall appear”

ii. “In us”

- a) In other words “in store for us”
- b) It is this that makes it our blessed hope, we won’t simply be able to see it, we shall be part of it!
 - 1) Rom 8:17- Joint-heirs with Christ
 - 2) This is the thought running through all the passages about the glory to come
 1. Rom 8:29-30- Glorification is at the 2nd coming, not at our physical death
 - (a) Rev 6:9-11- The saints in heaven awaiting the “glorification”
 - (b) 1 John 3:1-2- We don’t yet see it clearly, but do have the revelation of in in the scriptures (“walk by faith”)
 - (c) Thus the worldview the Christian has today is one based upon the truth revealed in the scriptures concerning both this present world and the world to come
 - (1) 2 Cor 11:14- Satan transformed as angel of light, and thus also is his “world” camouflaged in subtlety
 - (2) Rom 12:1-3 & Tit 2:11-13- Living “soberly”
- c) Rom 8:19-24- Paul teaches that this full revelation/manifestation shall be at the restoration of all creation
 - 1) This “glory” is not to be “created” but “revealed” (already exists)
 1. Matt 25:34- “Kingdom prepared for you from foundation...”
 - (a) It was there for Adam, and seems to have been able to be gained through obedience (tree of life)
 - (b) 2 Cor 12:1-4- Paul had a glimpse of it
 - (1) It was this glimpse that must have helped him speak as he did in 2 Cor 4:17
 - (2) 1 Cor 16:22- Maranatha- “Come Lord”