

The Glories to be Revealed

Romans, Part XXXX

Romans 8:18-30, Part Two

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I. The Christian Worldview

A _____ is a way of seeing reality; it is like glasses that enable us to see the world around us more or less clearly. The Christian worldview can be summarized using four words:

- CREATION – _____ created human beings and all creation good and glorious.
- FALL – _____ rebelled against God and brought death upon himself and all creation.
- REDEMPTION – Though “*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*” _____ has provided a way of justification “*through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*” (Rom 3:22b-25).
- RESTORATION – _____ grants His Spirit to all those who believe in Him so that we might walk in newness of life (sanctification) now and live in hope of complete renewal (glorification) when He returns in glory.

Romans 8:18–30

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

II. The Glories to be Revealed

A. The glory which shall be revealed (18)

B. All creation eagerly waits for this glory (19-22)

Why is it that our present *sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us*? Because the *whole* _____ will be renewed by God’s power.

C. Believers too eagerly wait for this glory (23-25)

In addition, believers shall be delivered from our *bondage to corruption* – our _____ shall be raised from the dead (23). The *Spirit* is the *firstfruits*, the guarantee of this (8:11).

D. The Spirit brings our groans to the Father (26-27)

The Spirit assures us we are God’s *children* and *heirs* of the resurrection promise (16-17); *likewise*, He helps us endure suffering by guiding our prayers to the Father (26-27).

I.	Introduction (1:1-17)
II.	Credenda: “The Righteous by Faith” Shall Live (1:18-11:36)
A.	No justification by our own righteousness (1:18-3:20)
B.	Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone (3:21-4:25)
C.	All those God justifies, He shall also glorify (5-8)
5:1-11	Having been <i>justified</i> , we rejoice in hope of <i>God’s glory</i>
5:12-19	Adam failed to lead to glory; Christ shall succeed
5:20-7:25	The law failed to lead to glory; Christ shall succeed
8:1-39	All those whom God justifies, these He also glorifies
D.	The Universality of God’s Righteousness (9-11)
III.	Agenda: The Righteous “Shall Live by Faith” (12-15:13)
IV.	Conclusion (15:14-16:27)

E. The certainty of glorification (28-30)

God is working everything for the ultimate glorification of those who love Him (29-30). Our glorification is not dependent upon our faithfulness but _____. He “will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Rev 21:4). Alleluia!

III. Easter Glory

A. Resurrection Glory (Rom 8:11; Phil 3:20)

Paul’s argument is as follows:

- *If Jesus rose, then those who believe in Him shall be raised. (8:11)*
- *If we are raised, then all creation shall be liberated from its corruption. (8:21)*
 - _____ has risen!
- *Therefore, we shall be raised, and all creation shall be freed from its corruption (6:4-5).*

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself” (Phil 3:20-21).

B. Bringing many sons to glory (Heb 2:10-11 cf. 2 Cor 3:18)

¹⁰For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren... (Heb 2:10-11)

God the Father is *bringing* many sons *to glory* through His Son who sanctifies us. F.F. Bruce writes that “*sanctification is _____ begun; glorification is sanctification completed.*” When God saves us, He begins the work of restoring in us the glory that was lost in the fall (cf. 8:29). This work is called *sanctification*, the key to which is worship:

¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor 3:18)

C. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth! (Ps 98:4-9)

Jesus is a New Adam, the head of a new humanity and of a new creation. As such, He promises to renew both believers and the entire creation. The creation is longing for the fulfillment of this promise. Hence, we summon creation to join us in worship:

⁴Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. ⁷Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, ⁹For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

IV. Conclusion