

HOLINESS AND GLORY

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CHRIST AND OUR HOPE OF GLORY

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"

~ Colossians 1:27

1. Intro

- a. Glorious mystery = 1) among Gentiles; 2) Christ in you; 3) the hope of glory – Col 1:27
- b. Gentile blessing, hope, and glory are not mysteries, but how is it related to Christ in us?
- c. Rom 5:2 - What are we hoping for? What is glory?

2. Definitions

- a. Some things are more honorable. Some things are greater. Some things sacred.
- b. Hope ~def. The assured expectation of good.
- c. Holiness ~def. distinct and perfect purity, sanctity; set apart from impurity, profane, lack.
 - i. Hallow ~def. Deserving reverence or honor, to make holy. 1 Th 4:7-8, Rom 6:22
 - ii. Sacred ~def. Removed from that which is common, vulgar, polluted. 2 Tim 2:16
 - iii. Sanctify ~def. To set apart for God's purpose; to cleanse, purify, etc.
 - iv. Saint ~def. A person sanctified, a holy or godly person.
- d. Glory ~def. Excellency, brightness (light), brilliance, magnificence. Is 35:2, 60:1, Heb 1:3

3. Holiness and Glory in the Bible

- a. Holiness describes God's distinct perfections, purity, lack of nothing, greatness.
 - i. The priests would wear a plate: HOLINESS TO THE LORD - Exo 15:11, 28:36
 - ii. The beauty of holiness – Psalm 29:1-4, 96:6-10, 110:3
 - iii. The way of holiness – Isa 35:8
 - iv. The horses now holified? – Zech 14:20
 - v. Who else is holy – Exo 15:11
- b. → God's glory is the manifest shining forth of his holiness. Ps 102:16
 - i. The world full of his glory – Isa 6:3, 11:9, 40:5, 18, 25, 40:13 cf 1 Cor 2:16
 - ii. The heavens declare the glory of God – Ps 19:1
 - iii. Jesus appears glorified – John 1:14, Matthew 17:1, Acts 9:3, Titus 2:13
 - iv. That which was glorious, not glorious compared to – 2 Cor 3:11
- c. God promised to dwell with Israel and it would be glorious. Glory on display.

4. Hope of Glory, Christ in You

- a. Glory is the expression of God's holiness. Hope is not seen. Glory is.
- b. Grace to the glory of God - Eph 1:6, the gospel is glorious - 2 Cor 4:4
- c. His glorious body – Eph 4:24, Phi 3:20, His glorious power in us – Col 1:11, Eph 3:20-21
- d. God is glorified by displaying His grace, love, justice, mercy, righteousness in Christ.
- e. We are in Christ, God's grace on display = his glory - 2 Cor 5:21
- f. Christ is the fullness of the Godhead, the full glory of God, the Holy One.
- g. We hope for all the perfections, fullness, holiness of God are on display. Rom 8:18-25