

“THIS I KNOW!”

Part 8: “Glorification: The Destiny of ALL the Saints”



**Romans 8:30; I Corinthians 15:50-58;
Hebrews 11:39-40; I John 3:1-3;
Revelation 21:5-7, 22:1-5**

Introduction: Jesus called His disciples to believe what they could not yet see and to trust Him to deliver on His promises.

Once God gives new birth the result is a new will that is free, that chooses to repent and to believe in Jesus.

John 6:37-40: “*This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life!*” (vs. 40).

The destiny of all whom God has saved is “glorification,” the final step in God’s plan of salvation.

God gives us a grand picture of eternity where HE is at the center ... and where perfection is no longer a goal, but a reality!

I. The meaning of our “glorification” ...

Psalm 8:1-9: “*You have set your glory above the heavens! ... When I look at your heavens ... what is man ...?*” (vss. 1,3-4).

God’s goal for US (believers) is to be made perfect, to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29).

I Corinthians 15:50-57: “*This perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality*” (vs. 53).

“Glorification” is the state of perfection in which believers will exist for eternity as we live in the presence of God.

“Glorification,” the state of BEING perfect, is the final destiny of every true believer!

Romans 8:18-25: “*... we ourselves ... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies*” (vs. 23).

Job:19:25-27: “*... in my flesh I shall see God ...*” (vs. 26).

II. The cause of our “glorification” ...

I Corinthians 3:10-15: “*For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ!*” (vs. 11).

Hebrews 6:10-12: “*For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do*” (vs. 10).

The cause of our “glorification” is the power of the sovereign God to raise our bodies from the grave and to give us new, perfect, spiritual bodies of flesh that are beyond our comprehension!

This is perhaps one of the greatest proofs that what we are teaching is biblical truth: ALL the glory, ALL the praise, ALL the honor goes to GOD!!

III. The timing of our “glorification” ...

I Thessalonians 4:13-18: “*... the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord ...*” (vss. 16-17).

II Corinthians 5:1-9: “*... we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord*” (vs. 8).

Hebrews 11:39-40: “*God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect*” (vs. 40).

The final step for God’s children reveals the oneness of Christ’s Body, the remnant, the “*ekklesia*,” the one true and only Church!

Revelation 21:1-7: “*Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man ...*” (vs. 3).

Revelation 22:1-5: “*They will see His face ... and they will reign forever and ever*” (vs. 5).

What God has revealed to us, we KNOW to be TRUE!!

For ALL who are “saints” in Christ, **there is VICTORY in JESUS!!!**