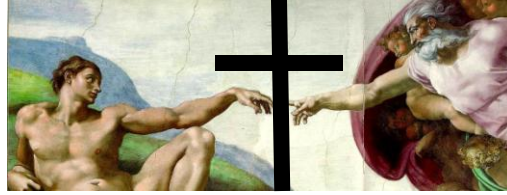


Salvation:

God's Plan Since Before Time Began



3. Glorification:

The Completion of the Work

Intro to Glorification:

1. Of the three parts of salvation, glorification seems to be the most neglected. We see the importance of studying justification and sanctification, because we actually have a small role in both of those. We have no direct _____ in our future glorification.
2. It's important for us to understand what is going to take place in glorification; because the _____ of one day being resurrected and freed from sin (and hardships) should be more than enough to _____ us on each day!
3. Without glorification (future resurrection), the _____ of justification and sanctification would be limited to this life! "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (I Cor. 15:19).
 - a. Even with the power of the Holy Spirit living in us, we still have a _____! One day, we will be freed from it! "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God- through Jesus Christ our Lord!" – Rom. 7:24-25
 - b. Any earthly _____ we go through are nothing compared to what God has for us when He returns! "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." – Rom. 8:18
"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." – II Cor. 4:17

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Intro to Glorification:

4. Another reason to study glorification is to understand the principle that God _____ finishes what He begins. “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.” – Phil. 1:6 God will not allow any of His works in progress (believers) to go unfinished.

5. All of these _____ for studying glorification come back to hope in this life and hope for the next life! “We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved...” – Rom. 8:23-24

Definition/Explanation of Glorification:

1. In justification, we are saved from the _____ of sin. In sanctification, we are saved from the _____ of sin. In glorification, we are ultimately saved from the very _____ of sin!

2. Glorification is the final step in the application of redemption when God completely frees us from the presence of sin by giving us glorious resurrection bodies like Christ’s.

3. Christ’s _____ marks the end of believers’ struggling to pursue holiness, because He “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body” - (Phil. 3:21).

Old Testament Support:

1. The Jews of Jesus’ time believed in a future bodily resurrection (John 11:24; Acts 24:15). These are recorded in the N.T., but they resulted from O.T. teachings.

2. _____ believed God could raise the dead (Heb. 11:19).

3. Job wrote: “I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God...” (Job 19:25-26).

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Old Testament Support:

4. Isaiah said, “Your dead will live; their bodies will rise” (Is. 26:19).
5. Daniel prophesied, “Multitudes who sleep in the dust will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:2).

Additional New Testament Support:

1. The main _____ on glorification or the resurrection body is I Corinthians 15:12-58.

- a. It talks about _____, _____, and _____ we will be glorified.
- b. It takes an in-depth look at the resurrection _____.
- c. Those who are still alive when Christ comes back will not die at all, but will be _____. “We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet...the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. - I Cor. 15:51-52

2. I Thessalonians 4:14-17 says, “For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command...with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” (additional verses: Jn. 5:28-29, 7:39, 12:16; Rom. 8:11,18; II Cor. 4:17, 5:1-10; Tit. 2:13)

Our Resurrection Bodies:

1. Christ will transform the bodies of all believers to make them _____ for heaven. They will be like Christ’s resurrection body (Phil. 3:21).
2. The gospels teach that Christ’s resurrection body was _____ and recognizable. He could eat, drink, sit, talk, and be seen and touched (Luke 24:39-43). But He could also disappear, appear, and pass through walls and locked doors!

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Our Resurrection Bodies:

3. Paul gives the most detailed _____ of what the believer's resurrection body will be like, in I Corinthians 15:35-50. In verses 42-44,49 Paul uses four _____, which describe how our heavenly bodies will be different from our earthly bodies.

“The body that **1.** is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; **2.** it is sown with dishonor, it is raised in glory; **3.** it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; **4.** it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body...Just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.” – I Corinthians 15:42-44,49

Glorification Review and Conclusion:

1. The purpose of understanding our future glorification is the _____ and strength that it gives us to live this life for the glory of God. But the greatest _____ of glorification is the resurrection body we will receive that is without sin, weakness, sorrow, pain, etc. Instead, we will experience perfect joy as we are able to dwell in the presence of God and his people forever!

2. Justification saves us from the penalty of sin. Sanctification saves us from the power of sin. Glorification saves us from the very _____ of sin!

3. Glorification is the final step in the application of redemption when God completely frees us from the presence of sin by giving us glorious resurrection bodies like Christ's.

4. The three parts of salvation cannot be _____, but an understanding of the details of each gives Christians a deeper appreciation, greater love, and happier praise for the God who saved them.

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

- I Corinthians 15:58