



## Our Glorification

***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...”***  
(Ephesians 1:3-4)

***“...To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.***

***In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”*** (Ephesians 1:6-7)

***“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...”*** (Ephesians 1:11)

1. In eternity past, Christ was our appointed representative.
2. He received all these blessings and held them for us.
3. Wherever Jesus *is*, we *are*. We are “in Him.”
4. God’s plan was complete before creating heaven and earth.
5. Our “inheritance” includes a preplanned glorified body.

***“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”*** (Romans 8:29-30)

1. Everything in this verse comes to us from God’s grace including glorification.
2. We cannot imagine God’s grace. We can only accept it.
3. All the attributes we have in Christ are in the past tense.
4. This is why it is possible for God to tell Old Testament saints their sins were remitted before Jesus came to die and accomplish God’s plan (Isaiah 55:7).
5. Romans 8:30 does not say, “He will glorify those He has justified.” It does say “Whom He has justified (past tense), them He also glorified (past tense).”

6. We do not have to live our life wondering if God will keep His word. He has already accomplished what He *has* given to us and it *will* be given.
7. Because we are in Christ, we can be just as sure we will be in Heaven as we are sure Jesus is already there. In fact, God sees us as if we are already in heaven.
8. “It does not yet *appear* what we shall be...” (1 John 3:2) (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

### **We Can See Glimpses of Our Resurrection Body**

***“So also, is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown (planted) in corruption, it is raised (reaped) in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is (now) a natural body (us), and there is a spiritual body (Jesus).”*** (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

1. We do not bury Christians, we *plant* them.
2. We will be glorified in our physical bodies.
  - a. Though it is presently made of unredeemed, cursed dust, it is still the temple of the Holy Spirit.
  - b. “We have this treasure in earthen vessel” (2 Corinthians 4:7).
3. Our present body is:
  - a. A corruptible body to be raised incorruptible.
  - b. Perishing to be raised indestructible (2 Corinthians 4:16).
  - c. A dishonorable body to be raised a glorious one.
  - d. A weak body to be powerful one.
  - e. A natural body which will be raised a spiritual one.
4. Our bodies will be glorified forever. They will be raised from the grave as bodies given life by the Holy Spirit, glorious, powerful, and everlasting.
5. Our bodies will be from heaven, made like Jesus’, and mortal death will be swallowed up in eternal life.
6. If you want to know what your resurrection body will be like look at the body of Jesus.

### **The Order of Resurrection Bodies (1 Corinthians 15)**

1. Jesus was first to receive a resurrection body.
2. The Church is next at the rapture – Church resurrection.
3. Old Testament and tribulation saints at the second advent.

4. Those saved during the Millennium at its end.

### **Our Position in Heaven**

We will have positions in heaven never before given greater than any Old Testament saints.

1. The Church is the first group resurrected after Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:23).
2. No Old Testament saint has never had a position like we will.
  - a. Adam's original position in the Garden (Psalm 8:5-8).
  - b. Our glorified state will be greater than that of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
3. Adam and Eve and all Old Testament were never:
  - a. Seated with God on His throne.
  - b. "In Christ."
  - c. Part of God's family (Revelation 15:3, Hebrews 3:5-6).

### **A Position in Heaven Greater Than Angels**

1. We are presently, by creation, lower than angels. But by position, higher than angels (Hebrews 1:14).
2. Our glorified state will also be greater than angels, the messenger angels, or the seraphim, and cherubim.
  - a. We are God's family – sons and daughters. No angel is a member of God's family.
  - b. We are seated with God and Jesus on His throne. No angel can sit with the Godhead on the throne.
  - c. We will rule and reign with the Lord Jesus on earth during His millennial reign. No angel ever rules with or sits alongside Jesus.
  - d. We are in redeemed and in Christ. No angel is redeemed and said to be "in Christ."

### **Greater Than Tribulation Saints**

***"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10)***

***"... "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God***

***and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*** (Revelation 7:14-15)

### **God Sees Us in This Position Now**

***“For 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. For 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, saying:***

***“I will declare Your name to My brethren.***

***In the midst of the assembly, I will sing praise to You.”***

***And again: “I will put My trust in Him.”***

***And again: “Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”*** (Hebrews 2:10-13)

1. No angel sings to the Father from inside the Church. No angel is a brother to us or member of the Church.
2. No Old Testament saint sings to the Father from inside the Church. No Old Testament saint is a brother or member of the Church.
3. Adam was made complete by removal of a rib and the construction of a bride later given back to him.
4. We, and Jesus, will be finally complete at the return of His constructed Bride, taken from His side, and given back at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

### **Glorification Scriptures**

Revelation 4 and 5

#### **The Four Living Creatures Before God’s Throne**

***“Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also, from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves’ feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.***

***As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.” (Ezekiel 1:4-10)***

1. They represent the four gospels as standing between the Sea of Glass and the 24 elders, dividing Old Testament and New Testament.
2. Old Testament Saints in Heaven. Those on the sea of glass sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and song of the Lamb (Revelation 15:2-4).
3. New Testament Saints in Heaven. The 24 elders sing a new song (Revelation 5:8-10).
4. Tribulation Saints in Heaven. They will come up out of the tribulation, wear white robes, and carry palm leaves, and serve the Lord in the temple in heaven (Revelation 7:9-15).