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‘Deliverance Hour’ Sermon

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The Glory of God Shines in the Face of Jesus

God Shines in our Hearts, but We see His Glory in the Face of Jesus!

In 2 Cor. 4, while the apostle Paul says the gospel is meant to be seen by all men, this is not always true in the life of all people. Satan, the god of this world, has blinded the eyes of unbelievers "lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2-7).

'The Glory of God Shines in the Face of Jesus ' (2 Cor. 4:6). This scriptural information is highly significant and cause for great joy because of the scripture in Rom. 3:23: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God".

Indeed, under no circumstances are we, the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, supposed to see or bask in the glory of God who dwells in unapproachable light (1 Tim. 6:16).

In Christ Dwells all the fullness of God Visibly

Christ Jesus, the Saviour, has changed the situation where we had no right to see the glory of God to one where we are able to see it. The glory of God shines in the face of Jesus, not only because "He is the image of the invisible God", but also because it was by Him that all things were created, including our redemption (Col. 1:14-18; Heb. :1:3). In Him all the fullness of God dwell 'visibly' or bodily (Col. 2:9).

While on earth, the disciples "beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). At that time, the disciples physically saw and touched the Glory of God, which was revealed in Jesus Christ, the Word of eternal life (1 John 1:1-2).

But in what way did they see the glory in the face of Jesus?

They saw that glory as Jesus did the works of His Father (John 5:36, 10:25, 14:10) in healing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the hungry and comforting the downtrodden. But alas, Christ is no longer physically with us. So does the glory of the Father no longer shine?

The Glory of the Father still Shines in the Face of Jesus--from within Us!

God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness at creation now shines in our hearts so that we might come to know His glory which shines in the face of Jesus, who is also now within us (John 14:23), although we are but "jars of clay " (2 Cor. 4:7). And His purpose in making us who are mere "jars of clay" repositories of "this treasure" of Divine glory is "to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us" (v. 7b *ESV*).

So then, since the face of the indwelling Christ still carries the glory of the Father, that glory ultimately reflects in us. Indeed, we look at Christ's ever shining face by means of His indwelling Spirit, and we are changed into that same image [of the Father] from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18).

That glory means that "those who walk in darkness have seen a great light" and affliction will flee (Isa. 9:1-2); that glory means you are healed by His stripes; that glory means you are done with curses and blessings reign in your life (Gal. 3:13-14); that glory means that you have put to death the evil deeds of the flesh and now live the heavenly life of holiness (Col. 3:1-5). That glory means you have full restoration in Christ, for "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Isa. 40:5). The Lord Jesus came to do all things well in place of the evil works the devil had wrought in your life (Mark 7:37; 1 John 3:8).

Tonight is the night to see "the glory of God shining in the face of Jesus" *afresh!* Therefore, step forward in faith and receive your deliverance, healing and breakthrough in Jesus' Name! The otherwise invisible Glory of God still shines in the face of Jesus-- manifested through His chosen ministers here, in whom He lives and through whom He operates! Halleluiah!