

## **The Doctrine of Glorification**

### **Part 2: Glorification of God in Christ**

While “glory” is an attribute of God, the recognition and celebration of that attribute is His glorification. There are two aspects to glorification in the Bible. One is the glorification of God in Christ and the second is the glorification of believers. It is clear that since Jesus was God incarnate, He shared His glory with Christ. There are at least 12 aspects of the glorification of Christ spelled out in the Bible. His glory encompasses all of God’s attributes, appearances, character, acts, promises, persons (Father, Son & Holy Spirit), and the fullness of all He is as revealed in Christ, see Heb 1:1-4.

1. Jesus’ glorification by believers was predicted by Isaiah in Isa 55:4-5.
2. Jesus’ glorification was determined by God, Jn 17:5. Jesus shared the glory of God with Him before the beginning of the material universe.
3. Jesus’ glorification is a reciprocal work. The Father shared His glory with Jesus who in return gave glory to God, Jn13:31-32
4. Jesus’ glorification also is a work of the Holy Spirit, Jn 16:13-14. The Spirit guides believers into all truth. He does not speak about Himself but glorifies Christ by showing believers the things pertaining to Christ, 16:15.
5. Jesus’ glorification was evident in His incarnation, Jn 1:14-15. John says we beheld His glory as the only begotten Son of the Father.
6. Jesus’ glorification was revealed at his transfiguration, Lk 9:28-36. Jesus appeared in His glory, 9:29-30, with Moses and Elijah.
7. Jesus’ glorification was magnified in his resurrection, Lk 24:25-26. Jesus appeared to the two disciples on Emmaus road to remind them that Messiah’s resurrection was a prelude to his glory.
8. Jesus’ glorification was affirmed by his exaltation, 1 Tim 3:14-16. God’s mystery was that He came in human form in Christ, who was received up into glory, 3:16.
9. Jesus’ glorification will be reaffirmed in his second coming, Mt 25:31. Jesus will return with the angels and sit upon the throne of His glory.
10. Jesus’ glorification is evidenced by his station in heaven, Rev 1:9-18. John saw a vision of the glorified Christ.
11. Jesus’ glorification is based on his is worth to receive glory as presented in the sevenfold praise, Rev 5:12 and fourfold blessing, 5:13 which affirm His glory.
12. Jesus’ glorification was an answer to His prayer, Jn 17:1-5, see also12:28.

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