

The Doctrine of Glorification

Part 3: The Glorification of Believers

Jesus also prayed that believers would be glorified in and with Him, 17:10, 22. It is clear in the New Testament that believers also will be glorified and in so doing will bring glory to God, see Rom 8:17, 30; 2 Thess 2:10-12. What does it mean for a believer to be glorified? Note the following twelve aspects of the glorification of all believers:

1. Glorification of believers is a work of God the Father, Jn 17:22-23.
2. Glorification of believers also is a work of the Holy Spirit, 2 Cor 3:18.
3. Glorification of believers also is a work of Christ the Son, Heb 2:9-10.
4. Glorification of believers is a future hope, but also it is a work in progress now. In this life our hope of glory is accomplished by Christ in us, Col 1:27; 3:4.
5. Glorification of believers follows salvation and includes justification, 2 Tim 2:10. Those who are justified also will be glorified, Rom 8:18, 30.
6. Glorification of believers includes the transformation of believers from mortal to immortal and from flesh to spiritual beings, 1 Cor 15:51-54; Rom 5:2; 8:18.
7. Glorification of believers is sometimes accomplished in suffering, Rom 5:3.
8. Glorification of believers includes fulfillment of all of our moral and spiritual potential, 1 Cor 1:31; Col 1:22; 1 Pet 4:11; cf Eph 1:4-6; Phil 1:9-11; Jude 24.
9. Glorification of believers will result in the fullness of knowledge, 1 Cor 2:7; 13:12; Eph 3:19; 1 Jn 3:2.
10. Glorification of believers will result in fulfillment of all moral law and all spiritual perfection, Col 1:20-23; Eph 1:4; Phil 1:9-11, Jude 24.
11. Glorification of believers will affect our physical body, Phil 3:20-21; 1 Cor 15:38-52, esp. 51-52; 2 Cor 5:1-5. We do not know everything that this change will include but we know we will be like him, 1 Jn 3:2. Glorification of believers was accomplished by Jesus on the cross, Gal 6:14.
12. Glorification will affect all creation which shall be changed and instantly glorified, Rom 8:18-25; 2 Pet 3:10-17; Rev 21:1-2, 5.

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