

The Glory of God (Series 2): 5

The Riches of the Glory

Isaiah 60.1-7

“Arise, shine; *For your light has come!* And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the *darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people;* But the LORD will arise over you, And His **glory will be seen upon you.**” (vs1-2)

In our first study we said that the word glory, while it can mean splendour, majesty or copiousness, in its rawest form means **weighty** or **heaviness**.

In a negative sense can mean **burdensome** – something that weighs heavy upon a person.

In a positive sense can mean **numerous** or **rich** (-ness) – you may describe a cake as been very heavy or rich.

This study we will look at the riches of the glory – the phrase ‘*riches of His/the glory*’ is used five times in the New Testament, all by the apostle Paul.

Our coins have a value stamped on them but Gold and silver are valued by weight –
**the UK monetary unit pound (and the lira *Italian & Malta*) are derived from a pound weight of silver

We have seen over the last few studies that the glory as it was manifest in/on the lives of people had the result of God’s goodness being upon them:

- We saw the glory manifest as a cloud resulting in divine **protection** for God’s people as they faced the Red Sea with the armies of Pharaoh behind them.
- We saw that the glory cloud **guided** and **led** God’s people through the wilderness. (Exodus 40. 36-38)
- We saw that the glory came upon Mary and she **conceived** a baby (Luke 1.34-35)
- We saw that Jesus turned the water into wine (**provision**) and manifest His glory on that occasion (John 2.11)
- We saw Lazarus raised to **life** and come forth out of the tomb – a manifestation of glory. (John 11.40)
- We see many instances in the life of Jesus, He went about doing good (the glory is His goodness), **healing** all who were oppressed of the devil (Acts 10.38, John 1.14)
- We saw that the glory shone on the Damascus Road and Saul got ‘**saved**’ (Acts 9.3)
- We saw that there is a **cleansing** from sin and unrighteousness by the blood of Jesus for those who walk in the light (glory) (1 John 1.5-9)
- We saw that the glory dispels the darkness and **restores** to us the fullness of the blessing – the kind of life that man had before the fall.

The Glory produces blessings of goodness, miraculous power.

Philippians 4.19

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”

This is an often quoted promise from the Scripture but very often the quotation isn't completed and often misunderstood. You'll hear people say 'God will supply all our need' and that's as far as they go without realising that there were reasons why the Philippian church was promised that.

This promise was given to a church that was faithful in giving to, supporting and partnering with the ministry of the Apostle Paul. Because they had been so faithful in ministering to him, Paul writes to them that God would also be faithful to them by supplying their every need.

Secondly, those that often quote the verse very often miss off the end of the quotation. The Scripture says that God will supply all our needs “according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”

riches – (Strong's) **wealth** (as **fullness**) either literally as **money, possessions** or figuratively as **abundance, richness, bestowment**.

We said earlier that the glory was akin to the Anointing or the Blessing.

Proverbs 10.22 says:

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it”

Not blessings but Blessing – when presented with a need most people want the blessings to meet the need – it is the Blessing (or the Glory) that meets the need. Our needs are supplied out of the fullness, wealth, the abundance or bestowment of glory.

By Christ Jesus... it is by Jesus the Anointed One and the Anointing that He is anointed with.

(a title not a name – the word *Khristos* (G5548) (Christ) (Gk) and *Mashiyach* (H4899) (Messiah) (Hbw) in both cases mean anointed or anointing. The root words for each mean 'to rub, smear, anoint')

God supplies the need out of the riches of His glory by the anointing of Jesus – the Blessing of the Lord

Ephesians 1.18-19 (vs 15-19)

“the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the **hope of His calling**, what are the **riches of the glory** of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the **exceeding greatness of His power** toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”

Here are three things that we should know:

- The hope of His calling
- The riches of the glory

- Exceeding greatness of His power

Jesus's inheritance is the saints, the Church. Our inheritance is a rich inheritance – (look at heaven) but I'm not talking about someday in the sweet by and by. We have an inheritance now – in Him. Vs 11 – In Jesus we have obtained an inheritance.

We are heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. Every promise that God has made to Jesus, we are inheritors of. What does the Scripture say “**for all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us**” (2 Corinthians 1.20).

That inheritance is ours through the exceeding greatness of His power – His glory

Ephesians 3.16 (vs 14-21)

“that He would grant you, according to the **riches of His glory**, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man”

Our spiritual strength comes by the Spirit from out of the riches of His glory – He grants us that.

- God's glory strengthens us
- the glory Roots and grounds us in love
- it gives us comprehension (to seize, lay hold of, appropriate, understand) of the love of God
- it fills us with all the fullness (riches) of God

(v21) another often misquoted verse of Scripture -

- God works in us exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think
- **according to the power that works in us** – the Glory, that's the power of God that works in us
- so that He gets all the praise and honour

Romans 9.23 (vs 20-24)

“and that He might make known the **riches of His glory** on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory”

We are candidates for the glory, we have been created for the glory. Ever since God had the idea of making man, he was made to be a recipient of the glory. We saw this when we looked at Adam a few studies ago – Adam was clothed in glory, but sin caused us to fall short of the glory (Romans 3.23)

Colossians 1.27

“To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the **riches of the glory** of this mystery, which is, Christ within and among you the hope of [realizing] the glory” (Amp)

The fact that Christ is in you gives you the hope that God will manifest the riches of His glory on you.

Things may be dark, you may be facing uncertain times in the world, the bills may be piling up, your body may be getting worse – but we have Christ in us, and that gives us Hope. The Glory will be seen upon us.