

UNVEILED GLORY

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

- 2 Corinthians 4:6

God’s **glory** =

Glimpses of **glory**:

God showed Moses something of Himself when He revealed his glory in the giving of the Law, _____ . (Exodus 34:29-35)

Jesus showed 3 disciples His divinity and something of His glory when he was transfigured, _____ . (Mark 9:1-10)

Only the revealing of God’s glory to the disciples after the Resurrection _____ ! (John 20)

They saw Jesus heal, but ...

They heard Jesus teach, but ...

They mimicked Jesus’ life, but ...

They (and we) needed (and need) something more ...

Jesus – and the division of history

⁵ ... God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

- 2 Corinthians 3:5b-11

Under the old covenant (or “ministry”), we could not _____ because of _____. The closest we could get to His glory was _____.

But the Law could not bring us to God. Instead, it _____ us (v. 9) to _____ (v. 6,7).

The problem is that the Law is _____, but we are _____.

But God, infinite in love and mercy, ushered in a new covenant (or ministry). This one, by His Spirit, brings _____ (v. 6) through _____ (v. 9).

This glory will never fade. It is _____ (v. 11)

The Glory of God in the **Resurrected Christ**

Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed ...

- John 20:28

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

- John 20:19-20

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

- John 20:28

What this means **for me**:

... Jesus our Lord ... was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

- Romans 4:24-25

Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God ...

- 1 Peter 3:18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you ...

- 1 Peter 1:3-4