

and do count them but **dung**, that I may **win** Christ,” (Philippians 3:8)

“Who now rejoice in my **sufferings** for you, and fill up that which is behind of the **afflictions** of Christ in my flesh for his body’s sake, which is the church:” (Colossians 1:24)

“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, **striving** according to his **working, which worketh in me mightily.**” (Colossians 1:28–29)

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also **suffered** for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” (1 Peter 2:21)

“If ye be **reproached** for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is **glorified.**” (1 Peter 4:14)

“The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the **sufferings of Christ**, and also a partaker of **the glory** that shall be revealed:” (1 Peter 5:1)

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have **suffered** a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” (1 Peter 5:10)

“For our light **affliction**, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of **glory**: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:17–18)

Now, we saved this verse ‘til last. The hour of testing may well be upon our generation. This may be our time to stand in the place of those who have gone on before. We do not want to miss our glorious day! This is the hour of our fortification:

“Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through **manifold temptations**: That the **trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and **glory** at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” (1 Peter 1:6–7)



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A disposable mini-guide to keep us on task for today’s study.
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CHRIST ALONE! (IV. The Ministry Dynamic)

Today’s Goal: Our series premise is that Jesus is our only sufficient source for all things that pertain to life and godliness. We have been discovering some unique, Christ centered, New Covenant dynamics. They include the abiding dynamic, the resurrection dynamic, and, most recently, the glory versus suffering dynamic. Today, we are expanding this third dynamic.

Our Session Outline: Introduction. **I. The Old Glory Contrasted.** (2 Cor. 3:3-7, Exodus 19:17-19, Exodus 20:18, and back to 2 Cor. 3:7-10) **II. The New Glory Explained.** (2 Cor. 3:12-17) **III. The New Glory Experienced.** (2 Cor. 3:18, 4:1-6, and multiple N.T. passages)

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Two epistles:
Two styli:
Two writing surfaces:
Two covenants:
Two results:
Two ministrations:

These ministrations differ in their glory:

II. The New Glory Explained. (2 Cor. 3:12-17)

A. The Glory Observed. In verse 12:

B. The Glory Obscured. In verses 13-17:

Don't miss the curve ball! Paul has added more "veils" to the discussion.

The question of the hour: Where is that New Covenant glory right now, and what good does that New Covenant glory do if it shines on blind eyes? These questions lead us to our third point of the hour:

III. The New Glory Experienced. (2 Cor. 3:18, 4:1-6, and multiple N.T. passages)

A. Where is that New Covenant glory right now? We need look no further than our next verse, 2 Corinthians 3:18:

B. What good does that New Covenant glory do if it shines on blind eyes? Scan verses 1-6 together:

Let me ask you? Can the scriptures be any sweeter than what you just read? Can life be any grander? Folks, salvation is not merely from something, it is to Someone who wants to fill our lives with His light and change us into His image!

C. How do these truths relate to my life? Where is this authenticating power, this glory about which Paul speaks? Where is the glory when I need it? Where is the authentication?

Now, we want to end this message in an entirely different manner. I simply want to read some randomly quoted scriptures to you, a sampler package of sort, mostly without comment. We will let them make our final comments on suffering and glory for us. As we listen to them, let's ask ourselves, have we opted for the path of suffering which our Lord has laid out for us? Just listen...

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:16-18)

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren," (Hebrews 2:9-11)

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." (Hebrews 13:13)

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;" (2 Timothy 1:8)

"Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound." (2 Timothy 2:9)

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (2 Timothy 2:10)

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:" (2 Timothy 2:12)

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

"And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" (Philippians 1:28-29)

"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,

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