

THE GLORY (II Cor. 3:7, 10, 14-18)

We touch the glory of God when we suffer for Christ; we become partakers of His glory when we die for Him.

And all of us are constantly being transfigured into God's own image in ever increasing splendor and from the degree of one glory to another. We are being able to see it with unveiled faces and with understanding so clear, as in a mirror – through the Word of God.

After forty days and forty nights In the presence of God, Moses' face showed the radiance and splendor of the presence of God. However he would put a veil over his face so that Israelites might not see the vanishing of the splendor (v.13). Paul makes us see in verse 14 that Israel have lost the power of understanding, their minds have grown hard; even to this day when the Old Testament is being read, that same veil still lies on their hearts, and they are not able to see that in Christ this veil is made void and done away.

Spiritual blindness resides in the hearts of all those who reject the veil remover-Jesus Christ. They live in the darkness of the veil, and are not only blind, but ignorant and without understanding of the truth. When we turned to the Lord in repentance for our sins, we were free from the blindness of the veil, for it was stripped away. To be unveiled is to have the fullness of the Holy Spirit; it is to be freed from the chains of blindness and darkness, to behold the truth that sets us free, for where the Spirit of God is, there is freedom! And in that we are being transformed from one degree of glory to another.

With the veil removed, our eyes are flooded with knowledge, understanding of the hope of our inheritance and of His power – the surpassing greatness of His power that exerted Christ, when He raised Him from the dead. The splendor of His glory touches our hearts penetrating ever so deeply into the inmost part of our souls. And in the splendor of His glory, we see Him – Jesus, for He is the expression of the glory of God; the radiance of the image of God and His attributes, holy, good, merciful loving, faithful, our peace and joy.

What distinguishes us from the world it is His glory in the person of His Holy Spirit in us. His glory is manifested in His character – His name. When we call on His name, or even mention His name we are referring to all that He represents in the scope of His glory. Moses prayed, I beseech You, show me Your glory. And God answered, I will make all my goodness pass before You, I will proclaim My name – all that it represents; My character, faithfulness, goodness, holiness, mercifulness, loving-kindness ... I will do the thing you asked, for I know you by name.

In a close relationship with God, His glory is revealed to us even in our trials. In His presence we are transformed into His own image through the process of sanctification from one degree of glory to glory with increasing splendor. Yes, in the act of submission, surrendering all to Him, we then can pray, let your glory increase in me through the sanctification of my thoughts, emotion and will. A child of God must grow into the image of God's Son by allowing Him to mold him/her in conformity to the will of God. And so in His presence they will be transfigured into one degree of glory to another!