

Section III, overview: The glory of Jesus Christ, in an applicable sense, is His character: it is who He is. The beholding of and pursuit of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ ought to be the Christian man's chief enjoyment and focus. It is through this vital act that we are conformed and transformed into His glorious image; through this overriding passion our lives are transformed and the image of Jesus which we reflect becomes clearer. Our lives are given purpose, strength, peace, hope, love, and all other good things when we fixedly place our gaze on our King, Shepherd, Groom, Mediator, and Savior – Jesus Christ. Jesus' life is the ultimate blueprint for any man's life. His glorious character far outshines every single person ever to live, and so we will look at His character, His glory, and find therein great and vital instruction for our lives, as well as magnificent encouragement.

Section III, Part I: The pursuit of God's Glory in the face of Jesus Christ

Summary: Our new man is transformed more and more into the image of Jesus as we stare at the glory of Jesus through the mirror of the scriptures. As we give ourselves to this chief pursuit, we will begin to become transformed into that image to which we fix our gaze. Therefore let us gaze upon Christ and His character, His glory. For it is this thing that gives us energy and vigor, that gives us hope and life and peace. It is our most needful thing. To the Christian, this pursuit and the promise of becoming like Jesus should be most desirable.

I. 2 Corinthians 3:18 – **We are being changed into the image of Jesus' glory when we continually behold it, by The Holy Spirit**

a. Romans 12:2 – *We are transformed when we make a lifestyle of beholding Jesus' glory through the scriptures*

- i. James 1:22-23, 1 Corinthians 13:12 – *The word is a mirror which reflects Jesus' character (though dimly), showing us what we are not, and also showing us what The Spirit intends to make us into*

- ii. Romans 8:28-29 – *God works all things together to make us like Jesus: this is the good*

b. 2 Corinthians 4:6 – **We have been given the ability to see and know God's glory in Jesus' face**

- i. John 1:14, 1 John 1:1-2 – *This is shown through Jesus' life captured in the scriptures*



Video: Outline Pt I

1. John 17:3; 14:9 – *The eternal life which was manifested to them, which they beheld, was the knowledge of God through the life/face of Jesus*

II. **The pursuit of God's glory by studying the life of Jesus has many benefits**

- a. 1 John 1:4 – *This pursuit brings joy*
- b. Habakkuk 2:11-14 – *The knowledge of God's glory correctly sets perspective, expectations, focus, desire, worthwhile pursuits, etc.*
- c. Isaiah 11:9 – *It gives peace/discourages violent behavior: it changes a man*
- d. Hebrews 11:26-27 – *It gives boldness, strength, endurance*
- e. Psalms 27:1-6; 76:2; 91:1-4; 119:114 – *It provides protection over and above weaponry*



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III. **1 Peter 2:9 – We are to proclaim (with our bodies) God's virtues/glories. In order to do that, we need to know what they are**

IV. **Psalms 27:1-4, Luke 10:41-42 – The most needful and powerful thing is for us to get into God's presence and learn of Him, to behold Him**

- a. Zechariah 3:9, Matthew 27:50-51, Hebrews 10:19-22 – *Because Jesus was opened up for us as it were, it opens up God's presence and the ability to draw near and learn of Him*
 - i. Matthew 11:29, John 14:9, Hebrews 1:3 – *We learn of God/see His glory through Jesus*

Section III Part I, Questions

Part I: The pursuit of God's Glory in the face of Jesus Christ

1. How does God choose to change us into Jesus' image?
 - a. What is our practical responsibility in this?
2. What are some benefits from studying and dwelling upon God's glory? Why are these useful or important?
3. What is the most needful and important thing?

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