



THE MYSTERY: CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY

Hi, ladies!

Welcome back to part three of our study into the Glory of God. We've already looked at what is the glory of God, and what problems happen when we seek to take His glory for ourselves. Then, we delved into the process of being transformed by His Glory.

This month, we are going to continue our study by looking at the “mystery” of how Father God can look at us, as human beings, and declare that we are His glory. Wow, what a concept!

“To them, God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27 NIV).

What is this mystery? How can I possibly be His glory?

In order for us to LIVE FOR His Glory, SEE His Glory, and BE His Glory, we have to be in Christ and realize that Christ is in us!

CHRIST IN YOU IS THE HOPE OF GLORY!

I know it seems hard to believe, but we really can be His Glory because of Christ living in us. Let's take the next few minutes to look at how.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

1. EMBRACE HIS DEATH FOR YOUR OLD SELF (by faith).

You will find it hard to identify with this truth of Christ living in you if you still entertain your past as part of your identity. Christ died for you, and your *old self* died IN HIM.



Our old nature has lost its control over us. Romans 6:6 NKJV says, “Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

You cannot have both your old sinful nature and Christ ‘in you!’

2. BELIEVE AND ACCEPT THE FACT THAT, BY HIS BLOOD:

- Your sins and your past have been removed, washed away, cleansed, forgiven, and forgotten.
- Your trauma, hurt, loss, and pain have been dealt with on the cross.
- Your insecurities, doubts, shortcomings, inferiority, and rejection died with your *old nature*.

“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness” (Romans 8:10 NKJV).

Lay down your past. Don’t believe those lies any longer. Those things belong to your old nature. Colossians 3:9 NKJV says it this way, “Put off the old man.”

3. RECOGNIZE HIS VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE.

And then, by His GRACE, live accordingly free from guilt and shame. Liberated!

Jesus rose again, and you rose with HIM. That means that you can now live and glorify Him. You no longer live for yourself (2 Corinthians 5:15). You are ALIVE IN HIM.

So, rise up! Redeemed, cleansed, blameless, new, whole, worthy, and adopted because you have received new genes—a new slate.

4. NOW, LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR NEW I.D.

You are no longer the same person you used to be. All things have become new, far removed from your *old man*. You were even BORN INTO A NEW FAMILY. Now, live in the newness of that life to bring Him Glory.



“Do not regard anyone according to the flesh” (2 Corinthians 5:16 NKJV).

“And put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him... but Christ is all and IN ALL” (Colossians 3:10-11 NKJV).

“For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body, so you also are COMPLETE through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority” (Colossians 2:9-10 NLT).

If anyone is IN CHRIST, He is a NEW CREATION all things have become NEW. This is the MYSTERY! Jesus provided a death for your *old self* so that He could live in and through you!

‘Look in the Mirror’ Time

- When you look in the mirror, can you honestly say that your *old self* is dead? Why or why not?

- Are there things from your past that are still trying to share space with Jesus?

- Have you been baptized? _____ (Read Acts 2:38 and Galatians 3:27) Being baptized in water is sign that we have accepted this powerful miracle; our *old self* is dead, and our *new self* is alive in Him. If you haven't done so yet, we encourage you to learn more about baptism and put it on your *ToDo List* soon.

Conclusion

Dear friends, let us no longer live in a place of smallness and fear. God created each one of us to carry and reflect His glory! You are significant!



“Therefore, if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah), he is a NEW CREATION (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!”

(2 Corinthians 5:17 Amplified)

As we come to fully believe this miracle of grace and live according to the NEW TRUTH of who and whose we are, we will reflect His Grace and Mercy and **our lives will BRING HIM GLORY!**

How awesome!

*Love,
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