

Advent Series “Hope of Glory”
Colossians 1:27
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27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 3:4

4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Your life is meant for glory.

Psalm 8:4-5

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Psalm 139:13-14

13 For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful

Romans 1 highlights how humanity lost its glory.

Romans 1:22-23

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Whatever we look towards we reflect.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:22-23

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

We needed Jesus because we needed the original.

1 Peter 1:3

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jesus' resurrection guarantees our glory.

Romans 5:3-5

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The outworking of suffering in the Christian life produces more hope.

Hebrews 2:10

10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

God is completely committed to this glory restoration project.

Romans 8:28-30. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during your Sunday gathering?
- Are there any Christmas traditions that you look forward to?
- How does the idea of humanity having a "reflected glory" helps us stay humble?
- Read Romans 1:22-23. If humanity has a selected glory then how does this passage reveal the danger of idols and glory?
- Read John 17:22-23. What do you think it means that Jesus is sharing his glory?
- How does the resurrection and suffering generate confidence in our future glory?
- Are you working through an important decision right now? How might the certainty of future glory adjust your decision making process?