



Message Five: GLORIFICATION
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Let's begin by looking at two verses from the book of Romans...

Romans 3:23, *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* (NIV)

Romans 5:2, *We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.* (NIV)

Paul said that we lost the glory of God through sin, but in salvation, we look forward to its restoration. In Romans 8:29-30, glorification is presented as the culmination of God's work of salvation...

Those he foreknew he predestined and those he predestined he called and those he called he also justified and those he justified he also glorified. (NIV)

Glorification is the final act of God's redemptive plan in which he will *redeem the physical bodies* of the righteous, *restore their souls* to perfection, and *release all creation* from the curse of sin.

REDEEMED BODIES

God's work of salvation is complete and comprehensive.

He promises to save all of what makes us human – body, soul, and spirit.

God promises his children a **new body**.

Romans 8:23, We long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. (NLT)

At Christ's return, our bodies will be **transformed**.

Philippians 3:21, He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

1 Corinthians 15:51, 52, But look! I tell you this secret: We will not all sleep in death, but we will all be changed. It will take only a second—as quickly as an eye blinks—when the last trumpet sounds. The trumpet will sound, and those who have died will be raised to live forever, and we will all be changed. (NLT)

God's **before** and **after** picture

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, That body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable...sown in dishonor, raised in glory...sown in weakness, raised in power...sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body.

RESTORED SOULS

When Adam sinned, all human souls became **depraved**.

Sanctification is **victory** over the sinful nature.

Glorification is the **destruction** of the sinful nature.

Hebrews 12:23, *You have come to the spirits of the redeemed in heaven who have now been made perfect.* (NLT)

Can we be assured that there will no sin in heaven?

We will have no **sinful nature**.

There will be no **tempter**.

There will be no sinful **options**.

RELEASED CREATION

Creation is in **travail** to be delivered.

Romans 8:19-22, *Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.* (NLT)

Revelation 21:1-5, *I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea. I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband. I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people; he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned One continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate." (Msg)*

2 Corinthians 5:1-8, *We know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we'll never have to relocate our "tents" again. Sometimes we can hardly wait to move—and so we cry out in frustration. Compared to what's coming, living conditions around here seem like a stopover in an unfurnished shack, and we're tired of it! We've been given a glimpse of the real thing, our true home, our resurrection bodies! The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what's ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we'll never settle for less. That's why we live with such good cheer. You won't see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don't get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we'll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming.*
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