

Resurrection Life

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Continual Attention to the Son, Continual Transformation by the Spirit

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Emboldened by our bright present and future, we openly share our new life in Christ

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Faith in Christ removes obstacles obscuring God's glory

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John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, **40** yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life... **46** For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. **47** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

Jesus gives us unprecedented liberty through the ministry of the Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Filling our mental gaze with God's glory in Christ, the Spirit renovates us into his likeness

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2 Cor. 4: 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Practical steps for "beholding the Glory of the Lord"

1. Realize that every personal interaction is service to your generous Heavenly Father.
Rom. 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
2. Recognize your need for daily renovation in your viewpoint, emotions and responses.
Rom. 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed...
3. Identify an imminent situation requiring more of Jesus's life in you.
Rom. 12:2 ...be transformed by the renewal of your mind...
4. Focus on a particular snapshot of Jesus's "good, acceptable and perfect" life in scripture.
Rom. 12:2 ...that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

As you read and think, it's helpful to ask questions like:

- What has Jesus accomplished/taught/provided in this passage?
- What does this reveal about God's character and purposes?
- How can the pattern of Jesus's life shape your response in your situation?

Remember: In this process, the Spirit is at work through your active attention to the life of Jesus. He is the one writing the law of God on your heart.

Reflection & Discussion

1) Read one (or all) of the following passages. What issue is the author addressing? What aspects of Jesus's life and ministry are put on display? What intellectual and emotional response do you have to this display of God's glory in the life of Jesus? How are you encouraged?

- Hebrews 12:1-3
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- Phil. 2:3-11
- 1 John 3:16
- Hebrews 4:14-16

2) Consider this statement: Every teaching of or about Jesus is a revelation of the glory of God. Reflect on or share a teaching about/of Jesus. What specifically does it reveal about the character of God? How might "renewing your mind" with this one episode or teaching "transform" you?

SONGS

"GRATEFUL"- Stefan Green, Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele, and Steven Furtick

"GRAVES INTO GARDENS" - Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hammer

"EXALTED OVER ALL" - Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, and Jess Cates

"NAMES" - Amanda Lindsey Cook, Jason Ingram, Tiffany Hammer

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 63,064.96

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