

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: GLORY

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The BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW 'story' or 'progressive narrative':

CREATION

Genesis 1-2
infinite God
(holy)



FALL

Genesis 3
finite man
(sinful)



REDEMPTION

Rest of Bible
God's grace
(forgiveness)



GLORY

Book of Revelation, et al
shared glory!
(salvation)

REVIEW:

- 1) The Creator-God is perfect, grand and glorious.
- 2) Humanity is fallen, sinful and totally depraved. (Gen. 3 Rom. 3:23; Jer. 17:9; Isaiah 53:6; Mark 7:21-23)
- 3) God's Word, the Bible, is the only way we know about God's redemption.
- 4) God's Word progressively reveals His grace-driven work of redemption.
- 5) Like creation, redemption is the work of the triune God.
 - The Father appoints salvation. John 6:37 & 44; 1 Cor. 1:9; Rom. 8:29-30
 - The Holy Spirit applies salvation. John 16:4-15; Rev. 22:17;
 - The Son accomplishes salvation. John 3:16-17

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

What is Glory?

Definition #1

Glory is the restoration of all things.

Definition #2

Glory is the Christian belief that at the end of time, Jesus Christ will return visibly, physically, and gloriously to judge the living and the dead, and in that instant, he will transform his people to a state of perfection, both bodily and spiritually, he will restore all of creation releasing it from the grips of sin and death, and he will completely destroy death, so that God can dwell with his people forever.

Why is Glory so Important for the Christian Life?

What you hope for often dictates how you live.

Colossians 3:2-4

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

4 Observations about Glory from Revelation 21:1-8

1) Glory's beginning is at the second coming of Christ

v 6 -- "It is done" = God's Judgment over his enemies and salvation of his people (Rev. 16:17).

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 -- Christ's Second Coming

Part 1 (4:13-18) -- Christians, both dead and alive, will experience resurrection at Christ's second coming.

Part 2 (5:1-11) -- Christians will experience salvation, not wrath, at Christ's second coming.

v 6-8 -- "The one who conquers...As for the others..."

2) Glory's work includes restoration of all creation and resurrection of bodies

v 5 -- Jesus speaking, "Behold, I am making all things new." = "All" means literally, all things.

v 1 -- "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth."

Romans 8:18-25

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved.

v 2 -- "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem..."

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

3) Glory's result is the death of death and sin

v 4 -- "...and death shall be no more..."

1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

4) Glory's purpose is God's presence with his people

v 3 -- "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man."

The world is the way it is, and we are the way we are, because we have fallen into sin.
But, PRAISE GOD, that IS NOT how the story ends.