

Beholding Christ's Glory, Becoming Christ's Likeness

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I. Introduction: The Means and the Goal of Conversion

- By what means are people converted? Answer: Beholding Christ's Glory
- What is the goal of people's conversion? Answer: Becoming Christ's Likeness

II. Beholding Christ's Glory: Conversion (2 Cor 4:4-6; John 3:18ff)

III. Beholding Christ's Glory: Sanctification (2 Cor 3:18; John 16:13-14; Col 3:16 w/ Eph 5:18)

IV. Beholding Christ's Glory: Glorification (Rom 8:29-30; 1 John 3:1-2; John 17:24)

V. Conclusion and Application

- **Sharing Christ:** the Means of people beholding Christ—e.g., William Carey and John 10:16
- **Knowing Christ:** the first step in the means of people becoming like Christ—e.g., before asking WWJD? we need to ask WIJL?
- **Loving Christ:** the second step in the means of others becoming like Christ—e.g., Tozer's Principle: We become like what we love—*know* Christ, *love* Christ, to become *like* Christ