

Series: John

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John 13: 31: Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32: If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

When Judas was gone out, now, there was only Christ and his true disciples alone together. A burden was lifted. Then the Lord spoke more freely to them. He knows he is about to go to the cross—that is what he means by saying now is the Son of man glorified. He knows how troubled his disciples will be.

Our Lord is comforting the apostles. From this point to the end of chapter 17, Christ speaks of his glory many times. He speaks about his glory in his sufferings and death of the cross. He speaks of his glory in what he will continue to do for his people and in sending the Spirit who will glorify Christ. He speaks of how he will make his people bear fruit so as to glorify the Father. He ends by praying for his people in John 17 for that glory he had with the Father and for the preservation of those the Father gave to him. The things he said was to comfort and strengthen them after his departure; he says them for us too.

John 16: 33: These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Nothing comforts us like beholding the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus. This is the most practical word that Christ could have preached to his people. These are his last words to his saints. In his accomplished redemption and sovereign rule as the glorified GodMan Mediator we behold Christ's glory and are comforted and strengthened in spirit thereby. *"Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him."*

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THE SON OF MAN GLORIFIED ON THE CROSS

John 13: 31: Now is the Son of man glorified,...

Why does he speak of himself as the Son of man? It declares his humanity as the son of Abraham, and the son of David. This title declares Christ is the Mediator between God and his people. He is THE Son of Man representing every chosen, elect son of man. He is THE one Son of Man who represented his people to God. He is the only Son of Man who served God in perfect faith and love. And the Son of Man did it for chosen sons of men.

The Son of Man is the image of God, the firstborn of every creature, even the one in whose image Adam was created.

Colossians 1:15: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature

God gave Adam all dominion over all things to typify Christ the Son of Man. Adam fell and we lost that image. We even lost complete dominion as Adam had in the garden. But Adam, his dominion, the perfect world, it all typified the last Adam, Christ's dominion, the perfect world he creates in his righteousness. It was God's purpose that the Son of God come as the last Adam, THE Son of Man—and through the cross, be the Captain of the salvation of every chosen son of man who God elected to save. This is speaking of Christ, the Son of Man, the last Adam, quoting from Psalm 8.

Hebrews 2: 5: For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6: But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7: Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9: But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every [elect son of man.] 10: For it became him [God the Father], for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation [Christ Jesus] perfect [consecrated] through sufferings. 11: For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on *him the nature of* angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

By faith we see the Lord Jesus, the Son of Man—representing every chosen son of man—has fulfilled the righteousness of the law by loving God and his people unto the death of the cross. By faith we see the Lord Jesus, the Son of Man bearing all the sins and condemnation of his people, justifying us from our sins. He reconciled us to God making God and his people one in him. By the Spirit creating a new, holy man within us, we see Christ our Sanctifier who made himself one with us and made us one with him. He made us perfect in one so that we are accepted in the Beloved! He destroyed the devil's power over us and delivered us out of the devil's bondage.

It is amazing to us, when we behold our sin, to hear that the Son of Man is so one with us and we with him in his righteousness that he is not ashamed to call us brethren! Also, having suffered as the Son of Man, he is able now to give us grace in time of need. This is because he suffered the cross—his glory. This is why the Lord Jesus spoke of his death on the cross as his glory—"*now is the Son of man glorified.*"

GOD GLORIFIED IN THE SON OF MAN

John 13: 31...and God is glorified in him.

The triune God is glorified in the Son of Man. God declared he would be glorified in the Son. As the Son of Man, the Lord Jesus is Israel. He is the Prince who has power and has prevailed with God and men. He represented all God's elect Israel. So God addresses the Lord Jesus as Israel and declares that God will glorify himself in Christ our Israel.

Isaiah 44:23: Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

Isaiah 49:3: And said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

God was in Christ reconciling the world of his elect unto himself not imputing our trespasses to us (2 Cor 5: 19). On the cross each person of the Godhead was glorified in the Son of man. The Son of Man is the fulness of the Godhead bodily and in him all fulness dwells.

One, God's name is glorified in Christ on the cross. He is Elohim—"to worship." In order to worship our triune God, we must worship Christ Jesus.

John 12:44: Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

God is glorified in Christ because the Son of Man is *Jehovah-hoseenu, the Lord our Maker* (Psa. 95:6). Christ creates his people anew by his blood and righteousness.

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide or our Provider* (Gen. 22:14). The Son of Man is God providing himself a Lamb. Christ is our full provision made by God.

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-nissi, the Lord our Banner* (Exo. 17:15). Our Banner, our Flag, is Christ crucified, risen, reigning. We wave this banner in the gospel we preach exalting Christ for all to rally unto.

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-rapha, the Lord that healeth thee* (Ex 15:26). Isaiah declared that “with his stripes we are healed” (Is 53: 5).

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-shalom, the Lord our Peace* (Joel 6:22-24). Christ is the Prince of peace. God was in Christ reconciling his people unto himself not imputing our trespasses to us because he made Christ sin in our stead (2 Cor 5: 18-21).

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-raah, the Lord our Shepherd* (Psa. 23:1). God is glorified by Christ guiding us and protecting and providing for his sheep throughout our lives.

God is glorified because the Son of Man is *Jehovah-m'kaddesh, the Lord that doth sanctify you* (Exo. 31:13). We just read from Hebrews how God was in Christ sanctifying us, making us perfect to be accepted of God.

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-shammah, the Lord is there* (Ezek. 48:35). God was on the cross in the Son of Man. God now communes with his people and is there at all times because in the Son of Man his people are righteous and holy and one with God.

The Son of Man is *Jehovah-tsidkenu, the Lord our Righteousness* (Jer. 23:6). God is glorified in the Son of Man because the Son of Man made God's elect righteous by his precious blood so that God is just to show us mercy.

Two, God is glorified in the Son of Man because God's attributes are glorified in the Son of Man. The *holiness of God*, his purity and perfect righteousness, is manifest. When God made the Son of Man sin for his people, “he spared not his own Son” (Rom 8: 32).

God is glorified because in the Son of Man we behold the *sovereignty of God*. That Man they maligned is God all powerful. It was not until God permitted the devil to have his hour that wicked sinners touched the Lord. And when they did, they did exactly what God determined before to be done. The sin was all their own. But it all fulfilled God's purpose.

In the Son of Man, God is glorified because Christ manifest the *immutability of God*. It is the preincarnate Son of Man speaking when he declared, “I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Mal 3: 6). He is “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever” (Heb 13: 8).

God is glorified in the Son of Man because it is in Christ we behold *God's grace and mercy* toward his chosen people.

We behold *God's forbearance* in the Son of Man—“Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” (Rom 3:25).

All the attributes of God are manifest in Christ: the love of God, the faithfulness of God—Christ said, “*I am not alone the Father is with me*”; the wisdom and Power of God to make justice and mercy meet in Christ. *On and on....*

Three, God was glorified on the cross because the Son of man conquered all God's enemies on the cross, and all the enemies of God's people—he obtained eternal salvation for all God's elect. God was glorified because God's eternal purpose was fulfilled. The vail of the temple was rent from top to bottom declaring

Christ accomplished redemption for his people which God purposed from eternity. Christ consecrated the new way for his people to enter the holiest in God's acceptance through faith in the Beloved. This was God's purpose before the world was made. The old covenant was taken away by Christ and the everlasting covenant of redemption fulfilled. The salvation of his people was finished by the Son of Man.

Our Lord's purpose in declaring this to his disciples was to comfort us, to strengthen us. What was great suffering and humiliation and shame for our Savior was also his glory and the glory of our triune God.

THE SON OF MAN GLORIFIED IN GOD

John 13: 32: If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

God was so pleased with his Son that he raised him. The Son of Man has entered into his glory as the glorified GodMan.

Therefore, in Christ we see the purpose of Man. In the Son of Man we behold the purpose for which God made man, particularly his elect. Christ is the only man who ever perfectly fulfilled God's will and purpose for which God created man. That purpose was and is threefold: to live in righteousness, to glorify God and to have dominion over God's creation.

Remember, Hebrews 2? Remember, Psalm 8? Right now, we do not see all things put under our feet. But, by faith we see the glorified Son of Man, the Captain of our Salvation, raised to the throne of God and he is crowned with glory and honor. And all things are put under his feet. That means all are put under our feet and shall soon be put under our feet fully forever. There is a glorified Man at God's right hand. All God's elect are accepted of God in him by his perfect will in his perfect righteousness. And he rules all things for his people.

Ephesians 1: 20: Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21: Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22: And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, 23: Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

He gave the Son the petition he asked in his great high priestly prayer:

John 17: 1: These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3: And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4: I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5: And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Luke 24:26: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

Right now, the glorified GodMan, who is fully the Son of God and fully the Son of Man, has all power and is working in his people through the Spirit to glorify himself in us. He not only calls us but keeps us giving him all the glory. He is glorified in those who are his.

John 17:10: And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

He is getting glory to his name by calling his redeemed out of the nations.

Isaiah 55:5: Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Isaiah 60:9: Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

We are the work of his hands so that he gets all the glory for creating us anew in his righteousness and for every good work his people do.

Isaiah 60:21: Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:3: To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified

This is why the Lord Jesus said to them—and says to us:

John 14: 1: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Brethren, God has given us, by his Spirit, a heart to glorify our God and Savior. You would not dare steal the glory that belongs to your Lord. By his grace, we endeavor to glorify him from the gospel we preach to our everyday lives. We glorify the Son of Man as we believe him and love one another as he loved us—this is Christ bringing glory to his name by giving us faith and love and sustaining it in us. By his power working in us, Christ brings glory to himself. He keeps us believing on him and keeps us loving one another. He gets the glory for that. And we gladly give it.

Though we shall pass through the waters, he promises they shall not overflow you: he gets the glory for working that in us; he is glorified in us thereby. Though we shall pass through the fire, he promises it shall not kindle upon thee because he is only consuming our dross: it is his glory manifest in us in keeping us and bringing us forth through the hottest fires, refining us thereby, glorifying himself in us and us in himself.

When our feet become defiled, he renews us and loves us to himself. Thus he glorifies us in himself, making it manifest in our hearts that we are his and that he makes us stand. He keeps manifesting his Life in us. It is by his Life and faithfulness and love that we have life and continue in faith and love. It is by his grace and power we are kept and grown up into him in all things. We know it is so due to the Son of Man letting us experience our weakness due to our sin-nature. Any child of God will glory in Christ alone that it is only by Christ that he has been continually saved from his sin, his errors, every trial, every promotion, every bitter enemy. It is all to the glory of Christ Jesus the Son of Man.

Brethren, seeing the Father glorified in our Lord and our Lord glorified in the Father, we are assured that “he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Php 1: 6). Like as the Father raised Christ glorified so Christ shall raise us glorified with him. In that day he will glorify us in himself when he raises us entirely new and presents us to the Father holy and without blame, holy and unreprouable in his sight. Since Christ has overcome the world with all his elect in him as the one perfect glorified Son of Man, he promises to everyone who believes on him,

Revelation 3:21: To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Amen!