

Glorification
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Main Point:

Live your life in hopeful expectation of the glory that awaits you at Christ's return.

1. When Jesus Christ returns, bodies and souls will be reunited.
2. At that time, you will be perfectly conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
3. Your eternal home will be the new heavens and the new earth.
4. Live your life in hopeful expectation of the glory that awaits you at Christ's return.

Cross-references and Quotes:

WSC 37 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? A The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (NKJV)

1 John 3:2 ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (NKJV)

Definition: Glorification is the perfect conformity of the believer to the image of Jesus Christ, both in body and soul, which will take place at the resurrection of the dead when Jesus Christ returns to earth.

Romans 8:29-30 ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (NKJV)

John Murray says, “[Glorification] will bring to final fruition the purpose and grace which was given in Christ Jesus before times eternal.”

Romans 8:19-22 ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits 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 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (NKJV)

2 Peter 3:7, 10, 13 ⁷ But the heavens and the earth ... are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men ... ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up ... ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (NKJV)

Revelation 21:27 ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (NKJV)

Revelation 22:3-4 ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. (NKJV)

John Murray “It is a renewed cosmos, new heavens and new earth, that we must think of as the context of the believers’ glory, a cosmos delivered from all the consequences of sin, in which there will be no more curse but in which righteousness will have complete possession and undisturbed habitation.”

Revelation 21:4 ⁴ "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (NKJV)

Romans 8:23-25 ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 18 ¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep [died], lest you sorrow as others who have no hope ... ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NKJV)

Romans 8:18 ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (NKJV)

2 Peter 3:14, 18 ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless ... ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen. (NKJV)