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A Preacher's Perspective

What suggests glory to you? I'm fascinated by the idea of glory in scripture, and in our own lives. My friend Evertt Huffard loves to talk about the glory, the *doxa*, of God.

It seems clear to me that we were designed for glory. Yet, the glory which appeals to our flesh is not satisfying or even wholesome in its effect. Those who seek it may have cause to remember the Latin expression *sic transit gloria mundi*-- "how fleeting is the glory of the world."

Yet, glory is the natural attribute of God and His glory is seen in His creation, in His person, and especially in His Son. Jesus longed for the glory He had with the Father before He came to the earth.

My sense of it is that in Eden, man was more suited to fellowship with glory in its various forms. Sin blocked us from seeing glory to some extent. We still see the glory of God in the creation, and we have a sense of the glory of God in the person of our Lord Jesus. All that He said and did teaches us something about glory. Yet I find it intriguing and mysterious to consider what Jesus meant in **John 17** when He said "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began." **John 17:4-5 (NIV)**

I tend to think of glory in visual terms. I love the glory of a night sky, of brilliant moonlight. I love the stars and constellations, and I love the majestic

shorelines, the massive stone expressions of God's earth-shaping, and I love the beauty of color and light and all that makes us exclaim, in wonder like a child, "Oooh!"

But as I reflect on God, I think the deeper sense of glory is not to be found in those beautiful but superficial forms, but rather is seen in the holiness of the heart of men and women of God. It is seen in deep, devoted and abiding, sacrificial love, like that of the Christ.

Glory, I think, is always in company with the Holy Spirit. Paul has such an interesting discussion of glory in **2 Cor. 3**. Moses reflected the glory of God, as

they would spend time together, which resulted in a glow to his face. Moses let the people see that glory, and then he put on a veil so they would not see the glory fade away.

Now, Paul teaches us, because of the Holy Spirit's presence in us, we are growing in glory-unfading, from one degree of glory to another. I don't know all that means, but I love the truth of it.

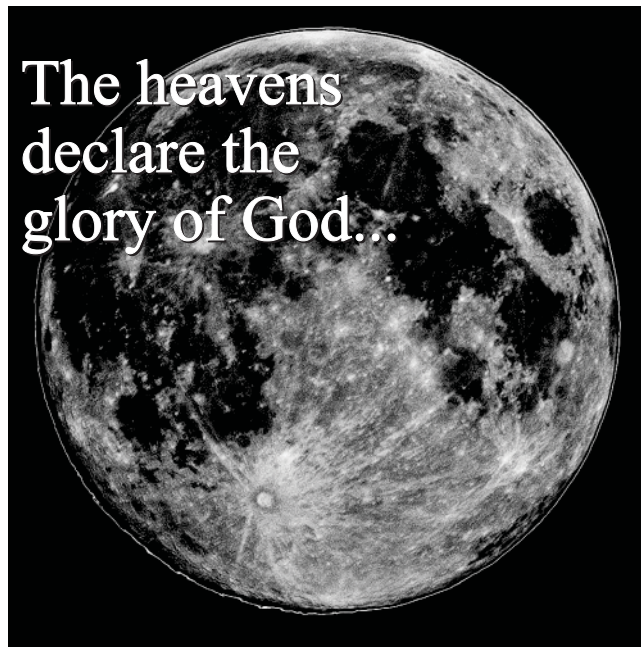
When I read that Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, I often think they must have demonstrated much glory in their family love and their devotion to Him

and to truth.

I think my Christian friends continue to do that today. Glory radiates from the fellowship and worship of our Christian community, "when sorrow flows from eye to eye and joy from heart to heart."

How God longs to restore to us our intended glory.

Chuck Miller



Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders: Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership
 Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence
 Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership
 Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . . 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Worship Order

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays *Curt Robinson*
 Kids Connection *Brian Gifford*
 Praise Songs *Tim Boyd*
 #266 *Majesty*
 A New Anointing
 Holy Lord
 #180 *Jesus Is Lord*
 # *Jesus, Jesus*
 Communion *Rick Root*
 Prayers, Pass Emblems & Collection
 #474 *Thank You, Lord*
 Sermon *Chuck Miller*
 #63 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*
 Prayer Cards *Bob Voigts*
 #975 *Get Right, Church*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 23 Patience Urso
 September 23 Curt & Jackie Robinson (anv.)
 September 24 Jon & Jamie Miller (anv.)
 September 25 Alex Drumheller
 September 26 Nancy Brewster
 September 26 Steve & Julia Doggett (anv.)
 September 28 Becky Pedersen
 September 29 Laverne Piagari

Dates to Remember

TODAY . . . Community Group Town Hall Luncheon
 September 24 Teen Parent Connection
 September 25 Tuesday Ladies Class
 September 26 Wednesday Bible Class
 September 28 Mens Prayer & Pancakes
 September 30 . . . Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!
 October 1 Teen Parent Connection
 October 2 Tuesday Ladies Class
 October 3 Wednesday Bible Class
 October 4 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Contribution \$3,976.30

Nursery Workers Betsy Jett, Jamie Miller
 Collection Counters Jeff Ieler, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Continue to pray for Doka and his family and friends. Their situation in northern Nigeria is quite dire with the constant threat of violence and lack of food. A drip-irrigation project is in the works and it will need funding. Please see Chuck if you are interested in actually going to Nigeria to help with this effort.

Sylvia Atten, a friend of Dana Howard's, is recuperating from a sprained her ankle. She also needs a job.

Bob Voigts received good results from his scan this week. No cancer!!

Bob York is recuperating at home. The Yorks' address is 1805 Belter Court, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's brother
 Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Herman Biggers – Josephine Haggerton's brother
 Nancy Brewster
 Bob & Phyllis Cissne – Cindy Drumheller's parents
 Chris Czernik
 John Day
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey – Al's son
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 Rachel Goodman (Jinkerson)
 Josephine Haggerton
 Cliff Holladay – a friend of the Miller's
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Pat Johnson – Dana Howard's aunt
 Sue Lake – Marion's sister-in-law
 John Mark Lango, son of former members Keith & Kim
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother
 Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 Joan Mullins – Paul's mother
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew & the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer – the mother of Joan Avey and Cliff
 Scott Robinson – Curt's brother
 Jose Oلمان Santeliz – Mission Lazarus
 Kay Schrader
 Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts' cousins
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents
 Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Eryn Tribble – former member

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew, Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Kristen Hauser – a friend of the Avey's, Afghanistan

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Taylor Mathews – Mike's middle son

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras & Haiti

Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers

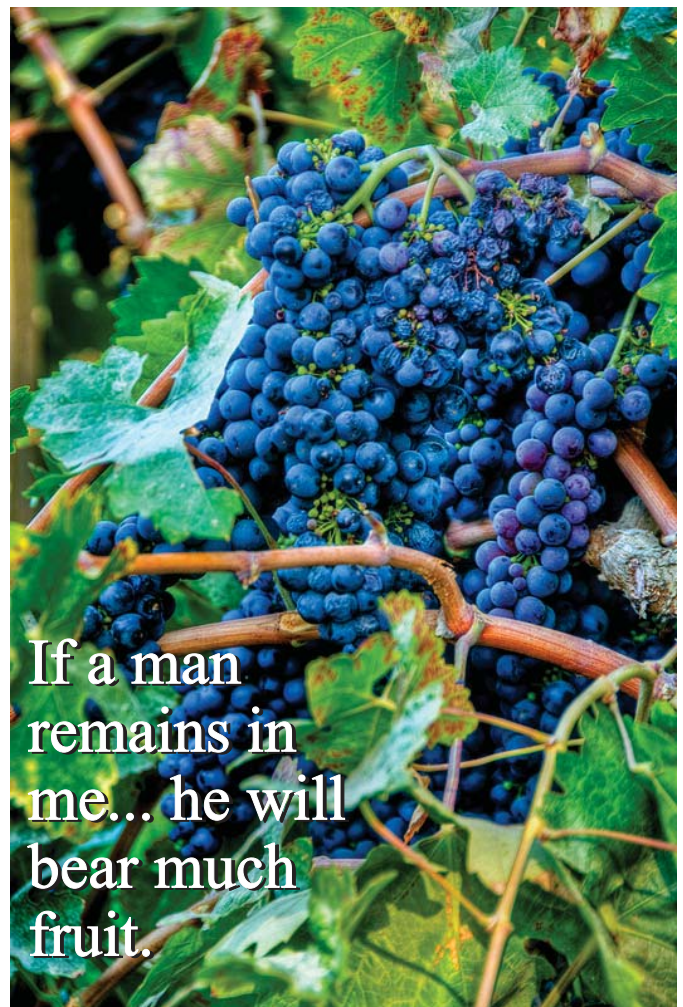
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Joe & Allison Voigts – Korea

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



If a man
 remains in
 me... he will
 bear much
 fruit.

Town Hall Meeting Today!

Everyone is encouraged to attend a **Town Hall Meeting today** to discuss our ongoing Community Group fellowships. We will meet immediately following worship in the fellowship room for a soup and sandwich potluck. Drinks will be provided. See Chuck or Don if you have any questions.

It's a Boy!

Benjamin & Katherine Garner are the proud parents of **Henry Callum Garner**. He was born on Sunday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21.25 inches long with strawberry blonde hair. He was having problems breathing and an infection, but should be home from the hospital in a couple of days. Don & Theresa Lemley are the very happy grandparents! And, don't forget Uncle Donnie! **Gifts should be brought to the building by TODAY** if you want them to be delivered by Don and Donnie. They will be traveling to Kansas later this week.

It's a Girl!

Jay & Lauren Avey are the proud parents of **Brynn Autumn Avey**. She was born on Monday, September 17, weighing 9 lbs. and was 22" long. They are doing great. Justin & Joan are the very happy grandparents!

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection meetings are on Mondays this year. Please let Sally know if you are willing to provide a meal. Menu ideas are listed on the bulletin board. If you need, you may bring the food on Sunday so it is available for someone else to serve on Monday.

Tuesday Ladies Class

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Class started last week. We meet at 10:00 a.m. Pat Brewster is leading the class.

Wednesday Ladies Class

We're talking about transformation and God's call for us to shine and we want to hear what you have to say in the matter. Come join us in our study.

Wedding Open House

Congratulations to Blake & Melia Mullins! They were married yesterday in Oklahoma. You are invited to an Open House Luncheon on Saturday, October 20, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Riverview Banquets in Batavia. More information will be coming soon. Please note that you will need to RSVP to attend.



Do You Want to Know More About Harding?

On Thursday, October 11, Marcus Thomas will be at Aurelio's Pizza in Addison on Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided for high school junior and seniors. We must RSVP by October 8.

WINTERFEST 2013 – February 15-17, 2013

