

# Glorification Equals Motivation

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## Introduction:

As one follows a study of the life of Christ is soon becomes evident that the Lord was literally obsessed with the idea of man's eternal state of glory. Love for man's souls coupled with first hand knowledge of God's glorious heavenly home motivated Jesus to go to the cross that man may share in His glorification (Heb. 2:10). This lesson shall examine the idea of our glorification serving as the anchor of our hope and prime motivator for godly living in this present world.

### I. The Christian's Glorification:

- A. Those who remain faithful till death shall be like Jesus into eternity (Rom. 8:17; Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 3:3-4; I Jn. 3:2).
- B. Those who remain faithful till death shall be resurrected to a state of heavenly immortality (I Cor. 15:50-55).

### II. God's Revelation Motivates Man to Obtain Eternal Glorification:

- A. Motivation = "to provide with an incentive (something, as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward, that incites to action or effort); impel" (AHD 817).
- B. Man is instructed to hear, learn, and be taught (Jn. 6:44-45).
- C. Said instructions lead to eternal life (our glorification) (Jn. 6:63-65).

### III. The Hope of our Glorification Motivates us to have an Obedient Faith:

- A. Those who have faith in Jesus will be glorified (Jn. 3:16, 36; 8:34).
- B. To believe in Jesus is to obey Jesus (I Jn. 5:1, 18).

### IV. The Hope of our Glorification Motivates us to Overcome the Powers of Satan:

- A. Satan has powers (II Cor. 2:11; 4:2, 7-10).
- B. He is using his powers (I Pet. 5:8).
- C. To overcome Satan's powers is to obtain eternal glorification (II Cor. 4:14).

### V. The Hope of our Glorification Motivates us to Repent of Sin:

- A. Repentance equates to sorrow for sin and turning from it (II Cor. 7:9-11).
- B. Repentance and our Glorification have association (I Jn. 3:1-3).

### VI. The Hope of Glorification Motivates us to Preach the Gospel to Others:

- A. The apostles preached out of love as opposed to monetary gain (I Thess. 2:1-12).
- B. Jesus and the apostles preached out of a fear of man losing his eternal glorification (Matt. 10:28; II Cor. 5:11).

### VII. The Hope of our Glorification Motivates us to Help the Needy:

- A. God approved (Heb. 6:10-12).
- B. Apostles approved (II Cor. 8:1ff).

### VIII. The Hope of Glorification Motivates us to Overcome the Infirmities of this Life:

- A. Life is filled with suffering (Rom. 8:18-25).
- B. The suffering of this life cannot be compared to man's state of glorification (II Cor. 4:16 – 5:9).

## Conclusion:

As a paycheck motivates the laborer and a medal of victory the athlete, so man's eternal glorification motivates the saint of God. The reward for faithful living will clearly disappoint no man.

The state of eternal rest with the Lord can in no way be compared to any earthly goods. As we often sing, "Won't it be Wonderful There?"