

BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED [GLORIFICATION]

Romans 8:30 says: *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.* Glorification is the final step of salvation applied.

Romans 8:23-24 say: *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. 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? Glorification, an event in the future – hence Paul calls it ‘this hope’, involves and includes ‘the redemption of our body’!*

In simple words, when Jesus died on the Cross for us, He did not just die to redeem our souls, but our bodies as well! O praise Him!!

GLORIFICATION EXPLORED.

- It is the final step in the application of the salvation that Jesus Christ has accomplished at the Cross on the behalf of God’s elect.

This is something done by God for us. Just as He has predestined us, called us, justified us == all underlining Him active, we passive, so also He will glorify us. This is why when we’ve been there 10,000 years, bright shining as the sun, even then we will be singing of God’s amazing grace how sweet the sound!

This is something that comes in a package, meaning unless the first step in the application of salvation has happened, there’s no final step! In simple words, unless I have been called and justified, I will not be glorified!

- It is an event that will take place at His Return whereby those believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected to be united with their souls while those who are still alive will have their bodies transformed.

This is something in the future, something we must always put before our eyes so that we can say like Paul, *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”* Remembering our glorification will help us stay the course!

- At that point, God will give to every one of His elect a perfect body with a sinless soul, like their Lord Jesus.

God's goal for us is not only a sinless soul, but also a perfect body. We must therefore never view our body as unimportant. Yes, like what was said in **1 Corinthians 15**, it shall be sowed in dishonour, but raised in glory! Be encouraged by **Philippians 3:21** where it tells us that Christ "*will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*"

1 John 3:2 says this: *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.* John said that we (not just our soul, not just our body, but body-soul) shall be like Jesus then!

God is not satisfied just to regenerate us, justify us and adopt us! He must have children whereby, not only sins are removed from our souls, but the effects of sin are also removed from our bodies! Glory, glory, hallelujah!!

- It is an event where all God's elect will participate *together*, at the same time.

All God's elect are called at different times and justified at different times in their lives. But the final step of our salvation will happen for all the elect at the same time!!

This underlines the fact that while there is an individual aspect to our faith, there's also a corporate aspect that we must not ignore. Just as the Bible teaches us that we grow as a body (**Ephesians 4:16**), so the same Bible tells us that we shall be glorified as a people (**Romans 8:23-24**)!

Glorification is a most precious truth taught in both the Old and New Testament:

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. (Daniel 12:3)

Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:43)

Is this the description of your future?