

The Rock Church

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LIVING IN THE GLORY OF GOD

“And the glory which You gave Me, I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.”
(John 17:22)

It is so awesome that our loving Father would invite us to experience and live in the realms of **HIS GLORY!** This is the place where our first parents walked and lived in (Gen. 1:26). God first created Adam and Eve in His likeness and image for intimate fellowship and this fellowship took place in the Father's immediate Presence. We could say that God's Face shone brightly upon His man and woman. Out of that place of **HIS GLORY** there was manifested His Person (character), His Provision and His Power. After Adam and Eve's fall (sin and disobedience) the intimate fellowship was broken. How grateful we are for the coming of Jesus, God in the flesh, to restore us back to that right and intimate fellowship with the Father.

Let's consider what the glory is for a moment. Many have defined the glory as all that a person **IS, HAS** and **CAN DO**. We can see how this relates to the Glory of Jesus and the Father. It can also be described as the **MANIFEST, TANGIBLE PRESENCE** of God or His “*FELT*” or “*SEEN*” Presence. Another term used from the original languages of the Bible is God's weightiness or heaviness. These terms help us to understand that God's original plan was for us to have **INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP** with Him (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). This is the greatest desire of Jesus for us and He prayed this in John 17:21, “*...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that you sent Me.*” We see in these scriptures in John that the place of God's Glory is where we really **KNOW HIM** and **EXPERIENCE HIM** and thereby are once again **TRANSFORMED** into His image. The Apostle Paul, puts it this way, “*But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*” (2 Cor.3:18)

Paul, the Apostle, writes from personal experience after having a supernatural encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9). The Apostle Peter and John write their letters in the Bible from a personal encounter with the Risen Saviour, **JESUS**. Many today are writing and sharing their glorious experiences of living in the Glory of the Father, in the **FACE OF JESUS!** This is our Destiny! This is the place where we belong and are made **STRONG** in the Lord and in the **POWER** of His might (Eph. 6:10) However, God will never force us into this place. The invitation has gone out from Jesus....

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” (John 7: 37-38)

I encourage everyone hearing this message **TO COME!**

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