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THE PURPOSE OF THE GLORY

As we continue to get a greater revelation of the Glory of God, I fell to just touch on a few purposes of the glory. I'm sure there are many more but let us look at these for today.

1. To make Jesus famous (Matt. 17:1-9).

When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, the cloud of God's Glory came on Peter, James and John. It was God's Glory cloud – His Tangible Presence – and His Voice that impacted Peter. He was getting caught up with the famous heroes, Moses and Elijah but the Father made it VERY CLEAR that the glory was to go to **HIS SON JESUS!** It is Jesus that leads us to the Father and invites us into His Glory. Many today are struggling in their Christian lives due to substitutes they have in their lives taking their focus away from Jesus. Let's **MAKE JESUS FAMOUS!!**

2. To make us one with the Father and the Son by the Holy Spirit (John 17: 21-23).

The greatest desire of the Father and son is that we would be so wrapped up in intimate fellowship with them for our enjoyment and growth. The realm of the Holy Spirit of Glory is the place where this happens. Many are hesitant or even afraid to step into that supernatural realm. Yet that is the very reason we were saved through the life, death and resurrection and ascension of Jesus! Jesus has made it possible for us to enter into His Glory right here on earth! I'm very committed to pure, true biblical doctrine but if that doctrine causes me to fear the supernatural to be so insecure as to enter the realms of the Spirit, I would have to say it is not a safe place to be. It is not safe doctrine. "Insecurity is WRONG security" as, stated by Pastor Bill Johnson of Redding, California. The place of His Glory is the safest place to be. (John 17:24)

3. To make us one with each other (John 17:21-23).

Many believers, Pastors and Churches are trying to come together in unity and that is a noble desire. However, the most successful way to do this is very clearly revealed in these verses – living in the Glory of the Father in the FACE of JESUS by the Holy Spirit will make us one. If each one of us will commit to this priority, I believe we will see the increase of God's Manifest, Tangible Presence in us and among us and the **WORLD WILL COME TO JESUS!**

4. To increase our faith (Hebrews 12: 1-2).

The writer of Hebrews tell us (after writing the great faith chapter 11), that as we behold Jesus in all of His Glory and turn away from distractions, we will run our race here on earth with tremendous faith and endurance. Our faith must have **NO OTHER FOCUS** or it will become weak. It was the Glory of Jesus and His Voice that transformed the Apostle Paul on his way to Damascus (Acts 9). I believe **FAITH** rose up in him like never before! When Peter was gloriously filled with the Holy

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Spirit of Glory on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), he rose up in **FAITH** and Holy Boldness to preach Jesus like never before! Faith rose up in all the early church believers as they were filled with the Spirit of Glory. It made proclaiming the Good News and loving each other much easier. We find them in the book of Acts with one accord fellowshiping, praying and experiencing the Supernatural Power of God. That's what the Glory does!

5. To help the world to believe in Jesus (John 17: 21,23).

Many are coming into God's Kingdom because of experiencing the supernatural of His Manifest Presence of the Father and Jesus. Some hear about how God is moving in a fresh, powerful way and come to see and are changed forever. Some are experiencing it in their own homes, crying out for more. God will always answer the cry of a hungry, thirsty soul. It is God's Blessing and Glory on our lives that attracts the world.

If you are one who is troubled, insecure or perhaps uncertain about the supernatural, I ask you to just cry out to Him for more of Him and He will answer you!

Please feel free to contact us at any time. Our desire is to see you be filled with His Beauty and Glory.

~Pastor Joe Moniz