



Glory to Glory Sunday, June 17, 2012

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Scripture Portions:

Rom. 12:2; II Cor. 1:19; II Cor. 3:1,17, 18; Jn 7:37,38; I Jn. 4:17

- >It is imperative that we have a renewed mind to see the will of God on the earth.
- >We pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”!
- >It is with a renewed mind that we get positioned to release what heaven has for earth!
- >It is only through a renewed mind that one can come to fulfil all that God has planned & purposed for one’s life.
- >What is a renewed mind?
- >First of all it is not just an ability to give a biblical solution to some one’s problem.
- >A person gains a renewed mind, when one has a Divine encounter and it totally changes how one thinks and sees things!
- >A person with a renewed mind will possess the knowledge of what is true & powerful.
- >A person with a renewed mind will have a burning passion for things that are true & right.
- >It is with a renewed mind that one can validate or demonstrate the will of God.
- >THE RENEWED MIND PROVES THE WILL OF GOD.
- >The original word for ‘Prove’ in Rom. 12:2 actually means ‘approve’. It means ‘to thoroughly examine and come to the conclusion that it is authentic.’
- >It is like the Bank employees who are trained to identify fake currency notes by studying the authentic currency notes.
- >The will of God is explained in Scripture.
- >Jesus Christ is the revealed will of God.
- >He came to reveal the Father.
- >The Father’s will is to heal & set people free.
- >So after thorough examination we come to the conclusion that it is authentic, i.e. we approve.

Why does the Lord need our approval?



- >He is God! He has a stable & perfect will for earth!
- > We are the body of Christ placed on earth. Christ is the head of this body. The head is in heaven and the body is on earth.
- >There must be perfect co-operation between the head & the body for the will of God to be seen on the earth!
- >The will of God on one had is determined & unchangeable. For ex: The second coming of Jesus.
- >Whether you vote for it or against it makes no difference.
- >But on the other hand the will of God is expressed as His desire. But His desire will not come to pass until unless the body co-operates with Him fully.
- >The will of God will come to pass when the Church uses the tools, the directives, the commands and empowerments Jesus gave, so that His will can manifest on the earth.
- >How the church thinks, lives, views life, obeys will determine how His desire, His will can be manifest on the earth.
- >In II Peter 3:9 we see 'It is not the will/desire of God that any man should perish, but for all to come to repentance.'
- >We know that there are people perishing and there are people who are not coming to repentance. But on the other hand many are getting saved and it is a glorious thing to celebrate.
- >So the church approving the will of God is a big deal, not because He needs our approval, but because He is looking for those who can mirror on earth His heart beat in heaven!
- >When we give our approval to the will of God, we give our life for it.
- >II Cor. 1:19 – Jesus came to be the personal manifestation of the YES of God.
- >JESUS CHRIST IS THE DIVINE YES.
- >II Cor. 1:20 – For this reason we utter our Amen to God.
- >The Lord is looking for a body that will fully co-operate with the head and the directions the head gives!
- >We must stay within the boundaries of truth! It is only when we violate and step out of the boundaries of truth that we become vulnerable to deception and come under the influence of another world system. Ex: James & John in Luke 9:51-56.
- > The Lord creates an atmosphere for us not to go into negative/immoral thinking, but through creative thinking have creative expression that can approve the will of God!



- >'Every knee will bow, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord' – that looks like an authentic promise to me. AMEN!!!
- >Our responsibility is to recognize what has been given and approve that it looks like the will of God.
- >Revelation knowledge has parameters.
- >Sometimes in life we may not know where we are at, we may not understand the problem we are in. But there are some things that are set in stone – i.e. The fact that God is good and we have no reason to question His goodness.
- >In Water Baptism, we were baptized into His death, when He resurrected, I came out of the water resurrected to a new nature. My old nature is crucified.
- >I have to consider myself unavailable to sin. Sin is not an option anymore.
- >However this does not mean i cannot sin, but it means that i cannot sin, but it cannot happen out of my old nature.
- >We need to constantly fight! Our fight is not against flesh and blood, nor against our old nature. It is against principalities and powers of darkness that try to mimic our old nature and we fall into the deception of a wrong self image and we end up doing the things we were addicted to over 20/30 years ago.
- >When we believe a lie, we empower the liar.
- >Even as believer sometimes we think, say and do things that are completely outside the renewed mind!
- >Our assignment is to do His will.
- >The stuff God has done for us and is doing for us and will do for us is so extreme, that if we don't keep Jesus as our focus we could easily slip into self worship.
- >Lucifer was so pre-occupied with his own beauty that he wanted to be worshipped.
- >Anytime we get pre-occupied with the great work that God is doing in and through us it is possible to get so twisted that we would want some of that glory.
- >Anytime we re-direct the glory of God towards us, we are perverting worship!
- >The trap is not thinking highly of you but re-directing glory to yourself.
- >Focus should never be taken off of Jesus and placed on ourselves.
- >Introspection is the enemy's assignment towards us!



>Rather than discovering ourselves, our pursuit should be to discover Him, know Him. Every time I discover something new about Him, something inside us wakes up!

>Recognizing what the Lord is doing in our lives is an incredible journey to embark on!

> God's glory is increasing in its manifestation upon His people.

> II Cor. 3 contrasts two worlds of OT and NT.

Moses meets God, has an encounter with the Lord, the goodness of the Lord passes before Him and Moses is impacted. He comes down from the mountain and doesn't realize He is shining like a light bulb, it scares the Israelites and they request him to cover his face. What Moses saw faded! Paul says II Cor. 3 the letter kills and the spirit gives life. What we have by the Spirit of God increasing – Glory to glory.

>We are impacted by a glory that only knows forward motion & increase!

>Read II Cor. 3:7, 17, 18

>What we see we will become. When we behold the glory of the Lord it is like waking up and looking in a mirror.

> We are being transformed into His image.

>When we turned to Christ, He removed the veil, so you could see.

>Veil is only removed only after you says YES to Him!

>Our heart has the capacity to respond to God even though our mind cannot comprehend it!

> Moving from glory to glory is like being on a train journey. One can't decide to turn right or left when you travel in a train. The track is already laid out!

> When we are born again, we get empowered by the Holy Spirit to go where Jesus has already gone!

>Our original destiny was glory and that's why we read in Rom. 3:23 – 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

>Jesus came and restored that glory.

>As we press in to behold Him, the revelation of God changes us.

>Because we look at Him we end up becoming like Him.

> Read John 7:37, 38. Drink becomes a river. Whatever we taste of God, we represent. Freely received, freely give!



- > Holy Spirit is not given since Jesus is not yet glorified. Holy Spirit only resides in people after Jesus was raised from the dead, ascended to the Father – glorified.
- > Holy Spirit's work is to make us like Jesus!
- > GOD'S INTENTION FOR US WHILE ON EARTH IS WILDER THAN OUR WILDEST IMAGINATION.
- > The apostle who wrote John's gospel also wrote the epistle of John.
- > READ I John 4:17 – AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD.
- > When we are infatuated with Jesus instead of our own gifts or favour makes us become like Him.
- > Holy Spirit empowers us to move from glory to glory.
- > When we see what God has purposed for our lives, sin will not be appealing anymore!
- > The only way we get too impressed with ourselves, is by taking our eyes off Jesus.



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