



Glorious Church
Sunday December 07, 2025 – Sermon Outline

In this sermon, we will discuss how God desires to raise up His Church as a glorious Church.

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

From this passage, we understand that God loves His Church and is preparing her as a glorious church in complete holiness. Let us consider some specific terms used here:

- **Glorious Church:** She will be radiant and full of splendor, reflecting God's manifest presence and majesty.
- **Without spot or wrinkle:** She will be completely purified and free from all imperfections, referring to the stain of any form of sin (2 Timothy 2:20-21).
- **Holy and without blemish:** She will be set apart (holy) and blameless (without fault).

CHURCH – BOTH GLORIOUS AND HOLY

There is a strong connection between glory and holiness, and we see God emphasizing both regarding the character of the Church He is preparing for Himself.

In this passage, we can see that part of the preparation involves the sanctification or cleansing of the Church to establish her in purity, righteousness, and holiness.

Several scriptures speak of God's desire for the Church to be holy and blameless.

Colossians 1:21,22

21 ...He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

2 Corinthians 11:2



For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The standards that God has for the Church are godly and very high.

GOD IS PREPARING THE CHURCH

The Church cannot reach this point of glory without God's work of preparation. In this very passage, we see that God is preparing the Church with His Word. The Word is the water that cleanses us and helps renew our minds, aligning them to the ways of God (2 Timothy 3:16,17, Romans 12:1,2).

There is also the work of the Holy Spirit in this process of sanctification (1 Corinthians 6:11).

GLORIOUS CHURCH

Let us understand the term "Glorious Church."

- **Endoxos (Greek):** *en'-dox-os*: in glory, splendid or noble – **glorious, gorgeous, or honorable.**
- **Doxa (Greek):** *dox'-ah*: dignity, **glory** (-ious), honor, praise, worship.

The glory of God can also be explained as the manifestation of who God is and what He does, so that people see an expression of His invisible attributes. Some of the attributes of God are love, grace, mercy, sovereignty, omnipotence, omniscience and so on. When God's glory is revealed or manifested, God is revealed, pointing people to God.

- **Ekklesia (Greek):** *ek-klay-see'-ah*: A **calling out** or **called-out ones.**

The Church is the called-out ones—which is us, God's people who are born again and part of the Body of Christ. We are the ones who are called to possess glory.

We understand that God does not want the Church to be dull and weak; instead, His intention is for the Church to be glorious, full of radiance and splendor, strong, full of authority and ready!

JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE

Let us consider Jesus and His example of manifesting the glory of God.



Jesus is a great example of the one who demonstrated and displayed the glory of God in His earthly life (John 1:1,14; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Hebrews 1:3).

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- He left an example for us to follow. We are called to walk in His steps (1 John 2:6).
- He did not walk in the glory which He had in heaven; instead, He walked in the sonship glory which the Father gave Him (John 17:5).
- This sonship glory is made available to every believer so that we, too, can display this the way Jesus did (John 17:22).

Glory was displayed through Jesus's life in certain ways:

1. **Grace** (character, virtue) and **Truth** (integrity, purity, holiness, light, wisdom) (John 1:14).
2. Through **healings, miracles, and the supernatural** (John 2:11).

As an individual believer, you and I can display the glory of God in the assignment that God has given us.

God wants His Church to be filled with glory and display His glory, just the way Jesus did.

1. GOD WANTS TO FILL HIS CHURCH WITH GLORY

It is God's desire to fill the Church with His glory.

We see several promises of God that spoke of filling His tabernacle and temple.

Exodus 29:43

And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.

Haggai 2:7-9

7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts.'



The Church is the spiritual tabernacle/temple. God promises His people that if they would build the temple, He would fill it with His glory. In fact, He promised that the glory of this latter temple will be greater than before. This is a fulfillment that you and I can desire, as a part of the Church. Today, God is wanting to fill us with greater glory!

When the glory of God fills us, we can sometimes perceive His intense presence in tangible ways (Exodus 13:21, 1 Kings 8:10,11).

There are times when in His glory, He moves sovereignly to perform mighty works that we cannot even fathom (Isaiah 40:5).

Most importantly, the glory of God points us to the greatness of God.

2 Corinthians 3:8

***how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?**

In fact, the glory we can expect to be filled with, as believers, under the New Covenant is greater.

2. GOD WANTS TO DISPLAY HIS GLORY THROUGH THE CHURCH

God always desired a people who would display His glory (Habakkuk 2:14; Isaiah 11:9). The local church today is a part of this purpose, displaying His glory.

Isaiah 60:1,2

1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

- God will display His **characteristics** through the Church.
- God will display His **power** through the Church.

Numbers 14:20,21

20 Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;

21 but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD—"

The display of His glory will not be limited but will extend throughout all the earth. Everything and everyone will see it. The Church is the entity that God will use to display His glory to the world.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DISPLAY THE GLORY OF GOD AS A CHURCH?

In the early church, we see the manifestation of God's glory in various ways. As a result of this, we can observe certain features of the community, which are:

- The community walked in holy awe of God (Acts 2:43; Acts 5:5,11).
- There was no tolerance for sin and unrighteousness (Acts 5:1-11; Acts 8:18-24).
- Demonstration of the Supernatural power of God (Acts 3; Acts 16; Acts 19).
- Unity (Acts 4:32).
- Generosity (Acts 4:34).
- Divine deliverance (Acts 4; Acts 12).
- Multiplication (Acts 2:47).

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN OUR MIDST?

We can expect what God did in the early Church and much more.

Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Based on these scriptures, we can observe 3 things that God is doing:

- Bringing all believers to the unity of the faith.
- Helping us reach the precise and correct knowledge of the Son of God.
- Developing into Christlike maturity.

Some others include:

- Manifestation of the glory of God in tangible ways (Exodus 13:21; Isaiah 40:5).
- Greater works (John 14:12).
- Manifesting the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12).



- Greater expression of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in various spheres (Isaiah 11:2).
- Greater expressions of love and compassion by the Church (Matthew 14:14).

God is going to work through every believer to manifest His glory till the earth is filled with the Glory of God.

We must prepare ourselves to be this glorious Church that draws people to Jesus.

OUR PREPARATION

- Grow in the Word (1 Peter 2:2).
- Grow in faith – believe to see the glory (John 11:40).
- Grow in power – faith and power release mighty signs and wonders (Acts 6:8).
- Grow in compassion – love causes faith and power to be effective (Galatians 5:6).
- Grow in prayer and intercession – intercession causes the birth of new things (Isaiah 66:8).

ARISE AS A GLORIOUS CHURCH!

SUMMARY

God is preparing His Church to be glorious and holy through the Word and the Holy Spirit.

He desires for the Church to be filled with His glory and powerfully display it.

The early Church demonstrated this by being filled with and displaying God's glory powerfully.

God seeks to release greater glory in our midst. Let us prepare ourselves to arise as a glorious church.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: ---

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

Q1, Share one or two key features of the early church which displayed the glory of God.

Q2, Discuss how we can be filled with God's glory and display it in our generation.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey



Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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SERMON OUTLINE

This sermon emphasizes that Christ is preparing the Church to be glorious, holy, and without blemish (Ephesians 5:27) through the Word and the Holy Spirit. This preparation involves sanctification and maturity to Christlikeness. We as the Church are called to be filled with the glory of God and display His glory. This glory is characterized by holiness, supernatural power, unity, and growth, mirroring Christ's example and walking just as He walked, demonstrating sonship glory. Let us arise as a glorious church! This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

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