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The Glory/Beauty of God (01): 3 Dimensions of Christ's Glory

Opening: Psalm 119:160; 2 Cor 3:18; Philemon 1:1-9; Psalm 73:24.

- 1. Bible: Through the Bible, 2 Corinthians 5.
- 2. Hermeneutics (27): Given that the Scriptures are perspicuous, why do we have so many problems in interpretation both in academia (Hans Gadamer) and among Christians who are recognize the inspiration of Scripture (Finis Dake, Robert Van Kampen, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Baptists, Reformed, doctrinal movement, Bible churches)?
- 3. Doctrine: The Glory of God, the Glory of Jesus Christ
 - a. Loving God: Matt. 22:37-40; 2 Cor 3:18; Psa 63:2-3; 27:4; 16:5; 42:1; 70:4; 2 Cor 5:8; Philip 1:23; Philip 3:8; 2 Cor 4:4-6.
 - b. The glory of God's love supremely displayed in the God-man, Jesus Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke; John; John 1:1, 14, 18; 14:9; Heb. 1:1-3; the epistles of Paul.

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An overview of 3 interlocking themes of the glory of Christ/God in the Gospel of John.

- 1. Divine glory revealed, theme #1: Christ's six signposts to the glory of God.
 - a. #1: John 2:11. The Word became flesh, and celebrated a wedding, and we beheld His glory, glory as one who takes the ordinary and transformed it into the extraordinary.
 - b. #2: John 4:46-54. The Word became flesh, and healed the sick, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the sovereign giver of life.
 - c. #3: John 5:2-11. The Word became flesh, and healed a paralytic, and we beheld His glory, glory as the healer of the lame.

- d. #4: John 6:11-14. The Word became flesh, and miraculously fed 5,000 people, and we beheld His glory as the sustainer of life.
- e. #5: John 9:1-11. The Word became flesh, and gave sight to the blind, and we beheld His glory as the giver of sight.
- f. #6: John 11:43-48. The Word became flesh, and restored life to the dead, and we beheld His glory as the giver of life.

- 2. Divine glory revealed, theme #2: Christ's 7th sign: the *moment* when the glory of God, His love, is supremely revealed (John 3:14-16; 12:23-32; Rom 5:6-8; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Jn 4:10, 16; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Jn 3:16; Jn 3:16). All other signs lead up to this "lifting up," the "exaltation" of the glory of God, namely the supreme revelation of God's love. *The Word became flesh, and was crucified and judged for man's sins, and we beheld His glory, glory as the God of sacrificial love.*
- 3. Divine glory revealed, theme #3: The glory of Christ's Body/Tabernacle, John 1:14; 2:13-22. The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as the God who comes to us in a human being.