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The Glory of God-18

Opening: Psa. 73:24-25; 2 Cor 9:15; John 11:25-26.

- 1. Bible reading:** Matt. 20:28; John 10:14--21; Isa. 53:1-11; Heb. 10:14; 1 Cor 2:8; John 20:17-23; John 11:25-26.
- 2. The Spiritual life—life with God by proper knowledge and by proper love:** Luke 10:25-42; 1 John 4:19; Psa 42:1; Matt. 5:46-48; 1 John 4:7-8.
- 3. Foundations (objectivity, PR, WT, TT): Natural law (14).**
 - a. Review: From the pre-Socratic Greeks to Aristotle.
 - b. Stoics. They were the first to note a natural divine law within creation accessed through reason. They also taught the commonality of all men.
- 4. Bible doctrine: The glory of God (18), ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο' (Jn 1:14)**
 - a. The glory of the Incarnation: Jn 3:16-17; Heb 2:6-10; 4:15.
 - b. The glory of the Cross: 2 Cor 5:21; Matt. 27:46; Gal 3:13; Heb. 10:10.
 - c. The glory of the Resurrected Man, Acts 2:22-24.
 - d. The glory of the new (risen) spiritual life, Rom 6:2-11; Col 2:11-15; 3:1-5.
 - e. The glory of God's answer to *all* that ails us: Jesus Christ, the God-man, our hope, life, and eternal future. It is Christ who transforms all sufferings, Rom. 8:35-39—all because of His grace.
- 5. Celebrating the Lord's Supper, 1 Cor 11:23-26.**

1. *John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. . . . 14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*
2. The three absolute essentials of the Incarnation.
 - a. It is *truly God the Son* who is man—emphasizing His full deity.
 - b. It is *truly man* that the Son of God is—emphasizing His full and complete humanity.
 - c. The Son of God *truly is* man—emphasizing the union.

3. The Son of God, as man, simultaneously performed four actions on the Cross.

- a. He assumed our condemnation, Rom 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal 4:4; Mat. 27:46; Heb. 2:8-9.
- b. He offered Himself as an atoning sacrifice to the Father on our behalf, Rom 3:24-25; 5:6, 8-10, 18-20; 14:9, 15; 1 Cor 5:7; 6:20; 7:23; 8:11; 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:14-19; Gal 2:20-21; 1 Thess. 5:10; 1 Pet 1:18-19; 3:18; Mat. 20:28; John 3:16; rom 4:25; 5:10-11; 8:32; Gal. 1:4; 2:20; Eph 5:2, 25; Titus 2:14; Col 1:14, 19-20; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:5; 5:9; Heb 10:5-10.
- c. He put to death our sinful humanity, Rom 6:6; Col. 2:11; 2 Tim 2:11; 2 Cor 5:14.
- d. He pleased God the Father in offering Himself up, Jn 15:13; Eph 5:2; 1 Jn 3:16; Jn 3:35; 5:20; 8:29; 10:17.

4. The gospel of Christ is more glorious in every way precisely because God is impassible, immutable, simple, and loving. The Cross is a demonstration of God the Father's love, not anger, Jn 3:16; Rom 5:10; 8:32; 1 Jn 4:10; Eph 2:4.
5. John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacle among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - a. Christ's glory revealed in the 6 signs that point to the coming new creation (water to wine, healing sick, healing lame, feeding 5,000, giving sight to the blind, and raising the dead)
 - b. Christ's glory revealed on the Cross, John 3:14-16; 12:23-24, 32;
 - c. Christ's glory revealed in the incarnation as God's new tabernacle, John 1:14.