

THE PRINCIPLE OF GLORY

Romans 8.15-25/ LUKE 2.13,14

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MAN IS TO BRING HIM GLORY

Ro 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. 24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Lk 2:13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Ultimately He came for one reason- **TO ADOPT US**

He saved us for one reason- **TO GLORIFY HIM**

YOU WILL NEVER WALK IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UNTIL YOUR LIFE'S GOAL IS HIS GLORY!

1. SUFFERING IS ALWAYS CONNECTED TO PRODUCING GLORY RO.8.17

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Refusal to SUFFER can result in LOSS OF INHERITANCE

Suffering with Him ties me to the glory and the gain!!

1Ti 6:6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.

Future GLORY is GREATER THAN OUR SUFFERING

2. CREATION IS WAITING FOR US TO MATURE!

When we mature He is glorified because they see HIM!

God designed this WORLD so that our LIGHT WOULD CHANGE THE WORLD

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

3. THE INHERITANCE IS GIVEN TO BRING GLORY

TALENT, TIME and TREASURE are all FOR HIS GLORY

Inheritance consists of YOUR BODY, RESOURCES, ABILITIES AND TIME.

FINANCES, HEALTH AND THE GLORY OF GOD

The PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THEIR USE IN THE KINGDOM ARE SIMILAR

1. RELINQUISH OWNERSHIP

Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. 2 For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers. 3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face-- even Jacob. Selah. 7 Lift up your heads, O gates, And be lifted up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in!

A. Nothing that I possess is OWNED BY ME

B. I cannot determine what I do with WHAT I DON'T OWN

C. GOD is RESPONSIBLE for ALL THAT BELONGS TO HIM

2. EMBRACE STEWARDSHIP

Mt 25:22 "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' 23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

A. DEVELOP A VISION FOR INCREASE

B. COMMUNICATE WITH THE MASTER

C. PREPARE FOR GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

3. PURSUE KINGDOM INFLUENCE

Mt 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

A. A WRITTEN VISION CLEARLY PURSUING KINGDOM

B. DETERMINE NOT TO WORRY

C. RELEASE FAITH FOR SUCCESS