

Glory is Ruling Power

The glory our Master gave His disciples is the same glory that our Father gave Him. Glory is ruling power, expressed by the things we say and how we say them and the things we do and how we do them, which demands the respect of others. 1 Pet 4:11 — We must rule with the ruling power that our Master provides — His glory. Some were not worthy because they were not overcoming; they got a stain on their garments. We must serve with the strength that He supplies — how we do what we do. If we do it with the grace our Master supplies it bonds us to our brothers and sisters and demands their respect.

In Sardis only a few did not stain their garments. Rev 3:5 — Those who *did* overcome will not be taken out of the book of life. They will share in His glory (Rom 8:17-18). If we endure with Him (2 Tim 2:12) we will be joint heirs in the coming kingdom and will be glorified together with Him. His glory is revealed in us. We will share in His glory. 2 Pet 1:10-11 — Grand entrance will be provided for us if we increase, if we prosper. No one is prospering unless his inner glory is being revealed. Dan 12:3 — The wise will shine like stars forever and ever. We go from glory to glory (2 Cor 3:18). When we are baptized, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit as a deposit of our inheritance (Eph 1:13-14), and that glory is to continue to increase and not decrease.

Pr 28:13 explains why we don't prosper and why we do. If we confess our sins and forsake them, overcoming that enemy, we will prosper. In order to *forsake* your sin, you have to *see* the sin and *know* what it does to others. Our Master is waiting for us to prosper — He is waiting with expectation. If we don't confess and renounce our sins, putting all of our Master's enemies under His feet, then He will never come back (Heb 10:13). Acts 3:21 — Heaven holds our Master back until we restore all things in this age.

Eye has not seen what our Father has prepared for us. Remember, we go from glory to glory. He learned obedience through endurance, and it got harder. Jn 18:37 —

“For this cause I was born and for this cause I came into humanity.” 2 Pet 1:4 — We partake of divine nature. We grow in inner worth, gaining more ruling power. We must go through much suffering, tribulation to enter the kingdom, increasing in glory. Lots of people will not be able to go through it. Our glory has to increase by going through the greater and greater suffering.

1 Jn 1:1-3; 2:3; 3:2; etc. — To *know* Him gives us unshakeable certainty. Count how many times it says “know” in 1 John. Experientially we love the brothers, we know He hears our prayers. It goes against Gnosticism. We know through the Holy Spirit that we have passed from death into life because we love the brothers (1 Jn 2:3; 3:24). Christianity is the modern version of Gnosticism. Everyone who says he knows Him and does not keep His commands is a liar. We really know that we know Him if we keep His commandments. He confirms us when we keep His commandments. To obey His commands is to do His purpose, to accomplish the reason we are breathing.

There are two kinds of *knowing*: 1) knowing in your heart, intuitively; and 2) knowing experientially, by the experience of obeying. Both are necessary in order to know with unshakeable certainty. In 1 Jn 3:14, that *knowing* is by loving — the Holy Spirit confirms it in our hearts. The truth of 1 Jn 3:14 is a matter of great consequence — eternal life or eternal condemnation if we say we know him and we don’t love our brothers. The guilt remains if we *claim* to love our brother when in fact we do not (Jn 9:41). 1 Jn 2:5 — If anyone keeps His word, God’s love is made perfect in him.

Michael lays down his life on the crew and he is doing it because he wants confidence. Our Master’s command is to love as He loved; this love does not come naturally but spiritually. If we really love someone, they know it and we know it and God knows it. “All men will know that you are My disciples...” — this will cause a startling, galvanizing effect. Isa 52:15 — Even kings will shut their mouths. Kings will be *startled* or *sprinkled*, depending on which translation you have. I think *startled* is the correct translation.

Look at how many times it says *know* in 1 John. To *know* is very essential. We can't even have our prayers answered unless we *know* He hears us. We have to know He hears us.

Phil 3:10-11 tells of knowing experientially — to share in the fellowship of His suffering, to be conformed to His death, to attain to His resurrection. Paul said that he had not even arrived. There is a glory he had to attain to. We can be guaranteed that we are going to be purified, but if we grieve His Holy Spirit, we will not attain to the first resurrection. We will stand on trial and be judged for our attitudes.

2 Pet 1:4 — We receive the divine nature. It is not that we turn into divinity, but the divine nature infuses our humanity, for in this way abundant entrance will be supplied to us in His age-lasting kingdom (2 Pet 1:11).

We must *know* the truth of Rev 2:11 and 3:5. Now the work is before us and we must have the attitude of a holy one. Rev 20:5-6 speaks of the second death for believers. The overcomers won't be taken out of the Book of Life of the Kingdom. Our Master will announce to the Father, "These are my brothers!" Sharing His glory, we will rule over cities. He needs us. He needs many Yahshuas all over the earth, ruling in His place.

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." (1 Jn 2:3)