

sermon conversation: glory

- When people patiently do what is good, and so pursue the quest for *glory* and honor and immortality, God will give them the life of the age to come. But when people act out of selfish desire, and do not obey the truth, but instead obey injustice, there will be anger and fury. (**Romans 2.7-8** ^{NTE})
 - ... since all have sinned and fall short of the *glory* of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ... (**3.23-24** ^{NRSV})
 - ... he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave *glory* to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. (**4.20** ^{NIV})
 - ... since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the *glory* of God. (**5.1-2** ^{NRSV})
 - ... Christ was raised from the dead by the *glory* of the Father ... (**6.4** ^{NRSV})
 - ... the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming *glory* that is going to be revealed to us. (**8.18** ^{CEB})
 - ... he ... wanted to reveal his abundant *glory*, which was poured out on us who are the objects of his mercy, those of us whom he has prepared to receive his *glory*. (**9.23** ^{GNT})
 - ... from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the *glory* forever. Amen. (**11.36** ^{NRSV})
 - ... welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's *glory*. (**15.7** ^{CEB})
 - May the *glory* be to God, who alone is wise! May the *glory* be to him through Jesus Christ forever! Amen. (**16.27** ^{CEB})
1. Did you ever vainly seek a bit of glory and it humorously backfire on you? All the more so if it was praise that was actually due another. *Tell us about it.*
 2. *Read aloud*, round-robin, the preceding Scriptures.
 3. God rules as king and is due every honor and all praise due to his good rule; *this is his glory*. Which of the texts above speaks most keenly to you of that?
 4. When believers say, "It's not about me; it's all about Him," what do they *mean*?
 5. "*Our* quest for glory is made up of giving *him* glory." (cf 2.7) Discuss.
 6. Complete this sentence & *explain*: "I see the splendorous glory of God in ____."
 7. Look up 2 Timothy 2.12a and compare it with Rom. 5.2b. In what sense will we *share in* God's glory?