

Devotional Thoughts :: The Knowledge of the Glory!

The Knowledge of the Glory!, on: 2011/10/11 23:23

Can we know the glory of God? Can we even walk as Christians if we have not experienced the glory of God? I say that we cannot be victorious Christians outside of this "knowledge." Those who have experienced the glory of God walk in victory. It is this victory that allows for joy even in the midst of suffering. For those who walk in the presence of God, who have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus cannot help but radiate His glory. It is not something that is achieved. If I radiate joy its because I am like the moon. The moon is a dead object, yet the light of the sun reflects off the moon and lights up a dark world. And just as the moon, by virtue of its position to the sun and the earth, radiates the light down into the darkness, then so to do those Christians who come before the throne and kneel before the King radiate the light from this glorious place into the darkness of the world.

Paul says in 2 Cor 2:14 "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place, for we are to God, the fragrance of Christ."

Do you walk in triumph? Do you diffuse the fragrance of His Knowledge in every place? If you have not experienced the knowledge of His glory then how can you radiate and reflect and diffuse the beauty of His presence and the manifest glory of who He is? If you have not stood in the manifest presence of God and glow from that encounter, then how can you effectively share the reality of Jesus? Now, this message is received differently depending on who the hearer is. This beautiful aroma, this fragrance, this light of His presence is gladly accepted by those who are being saved and it is life to them. Yet to those whose hearts are veiled to the knowledge of His glory, to the magnificent encounter of His presence, this message is death.

One is of the Spirit and the other is of the letter. To those of the Spirit, they are living epistles and the Spirit has engraved upon their very hearts the knowledge of His glory and they are ministers of righteousness and holiness and life. The others are of the letter and they are ministers of condemnation and death. The ministers of condemnation faces are veiled so that no one can see that what they preach has passed away. The ministers of righteousness are un-veiled so that the glory of the knowledge of God may radiate from them through Christ Jesus the King. They walk in liberty and freedom. And the more the ministers of righteousness and liberty and freedom walk in the knowledge of the glory of God the more they become like their King, Jesus.

"For it is the God who commanded light to shine into darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Cor 4:6)

Has God the Father shone a light in your heart? Have you knelt or fallen prostrate in the light of the knowledge of glory of God in the face of Jesus? Do you radiate? Do you diffuse the fragrance of God? Do you walk in the light of the knowledge of the glory of God? Do you know that when we speak of knowledge that we are not speaking about information? The knowledge of the glory of God is an encounter. It is not information it is an experience. Only by experiencing the knowledge of the glory of God can we be transformed "into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Cor 3:18)

This is the cry of our age, to stand in "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Let us lay aside everything else until we have stood in that light and been transformed from glory to glory. Let us not run the rat race but run the race that brings us into His presence so that we can know the knowledge of the glory of God and share that with the passion that inevitably comes from such an encounter. People will be drawn to Christ by the light of the knowledge of glory that is in you, that is seared upon your heart, that makes you alive to the Spirit and dead to the world. Only by being dead to the world, as dead as the moon, can we truly be alive in Christ. And when we are alive in Christ and walk in proximity to Him then the light from the glory of God can truly be shone into the darkness.....brother Frank

Re: The Knowledge of the Glory! - posted by swornservant, on: 2011/10/12 10:29

Let's be like Moses and Elijah!!
Let's desire and hunger for the
glory of GOD to shine in our
hearts, minds, lives!!
Let's be more like Paul!!
Let's make the glory of GOD
our aim, our purpose, our
passion!!

Re: , on: 2011/10/12 13:47

"Let's make the glory of GOD
our aim, our purpose, our
passion!!"

Amen, lest do!brother Frank

Re: The Knowledge of the Glory! - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/10/12 14:18

More! more! more! brother Frank!

Reality! Keep cutting us deep with it... dividing the joints and marrow and the soul and spirit.

Also, please don't let how others may receive something wrongly hinder you in any way. Paul realized the very same thing concerning his ministry, but he was willing to suffer the consequences, good or bad, if need be:

"For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." II Corinthians 2:15-17

Be well Bro,
Doug

Re: , on: 2011/10/12 18:29

"Also, please don't let how others may receive something wrongly hinder you in any way. Paul realized the very same thing concerning his ministry, but he was willing to suffer the consequences, good or bad, if need be:"

Amen to that brother. If you are willing to stick your head above the trench's and wander into no man's land, one must expect some slings and arrows :)brother Frank

ps, dont let my humor fool you , I am encouraged by your words and can feel our brotherhood through these posts, even although it can be a hard medium to communicate sometimes. It has also been my observation in life that those who come out of the RCC have much wisdom and seek to go deep into His word.