

God's Flamming Glory – Post 18 – A Glorious Conclusion

God's glory is the infolding and outshining of His lovely Triune beauty. It is not theatrical; it is not categorizable; and it's not evil. For He is none of those things. The church must hold to a communicative understanding of the glory of God as it truly is. Christians must see and be drawn to the goodness of God in creation, the cross, and the promise of future irradiation in Christ. If the church would see the rekindling of the fires of godly love, they must see the fire of God's good glory as it truly is. The Bride must embrace the communicative doctrine of the glory of the Triune God through faith in Him. The Bride must reclaim the sight of the beauty, goodness, communicativeness, and brilliancy of Her Bridegrooms' glory by casting herself on Jesus, as utterly dependent on His love and His graciousness.

God's glory is His Triune love, communicated to His Bride. That glory is seen most clearly in Christ upon the cross. The glory of God *is* God. Not as anyone would prefer Him, but as He is in Jesus. From Him, through Him, and to Him are all things. And as He works all things together for His glory, What Jonathan Edwards described in vibrant terms will come to pass: the eternal wedding of Christ to His Bride in the love of the Holy Spirit before His, and Her, Father.

The church being so often called the spouse of Christ, intimates the greatest nearness, intimacy, and communion with God. Christ will conform his people to himself; he will give them his glory, the glory of his person;¹ their souls shall be made like his soul, their bodies like to his glorious body; they shall partake with him in his riches, as co-heirs in his pleasures; he will bring them into his banqueting house, and they shall drink new

¹ Thomas Goodwin wrote, "God himself is the inheritance of the saints: 'What is the riches of the glory of the inheritance of him by the saints,' that is, which the saints have by inheriting him." Heaven itself "is the inheriting of him, it is the inheriting of God ... The saints shall inherit God..." (Volume 1, p.319). It is a personal thing of which they partake, which they receive in the end, not an impersonal, material thing.

wine with him; they shall partake with him in his dominion; they shall sit with him in his throne, and shall rule over the nations; they shall partake with him in the honour of judging the world at the last day.²

In other words, God's church will partake in His own glory.

² Jonathan Edwards (n.d.). *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Volume Two*. Christian Classics Ethereal Library. Grand Rapids, MI. p. 1732.