

I Can Have Glory and Dominion
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Text: Eph. 5:13-16 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

INTRODUCTION:

A. Why is life hard? Seems like I am in a fog.

A. 90% does not turn out the way you think! (Think about things in your own life)

B. Am I blowing it or is God not coming through?

B. Jesus made us an Offer of Life! An abundant full life!

1. Jn. 10:10 I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

2. Irenaeus (130-202) said, “The Glory of God is man fully alive.”

C. Does God want you pinned down with guilt, shame, broken, hurting and barely alive?

D. We know life is not free from trouble. (Mine has not /your has not either)

1. Jn. 16:33 In the world you will have tribulation;

2. 2 Tim. 3:12 all who desire to live godly will suffer persecution.

E. We have been given the tools: (Bible)

1. 2 Tim.3:16 -17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.

2. 2 Pet. 1:2-4 all things that pertain to life and godliness,

I. We Were Created to Have Glory and Dominion.

A. We are not in the Garden of Eden, Mayberry; we are not even on Survivor.

B. Where is the opposition and assault on your life and happiness coming from? (Political system, policies, people, God?) NO Satan

1. Gen. 1:27 -32 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2. Psa. 8:1-6 When I consider Your heavens,...What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

C. We hear a lot about false doctrine of original sin. Ezek. 18:20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

D. What about original Glory. We were created glorious. We were created to rule

1. Let's come back to the original glory when we were created in the image of God What were we created to do? What was our original job description?

2. Gen. 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

3. Think about the different aspects of your "realm" your home, your work, your place in the world. Are you "ruling" them well, meaning, are you fighting to see that God's will is done in each, as it is in heaven?

E. Am I blowing it or is God not coming through?

1. (Maybe you are blowing it, maybe it is not God's will, and you need to readjust what you think God will do)

2. Prov. 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

II. Things are not what they seem.

A. From the movie the Matrix

Morpheus talking with Neo about the Matrix

Morpheus- You must feel like Alice tumbling down the Rabbit hole.

After this there is no turning back. You take the blue pill- the story ends; you wake up and believe whatever you want to believe. You take the red pill- you stay in wonderland and I show you how deep the Rabbit hole goes. Neo later realizes it is 200 years later. One character in the movie wants to go back to the time before his eyes were opened. He would rather live a lie in comfort than face reality.

B. Peter, James and John follow Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration. Mark 9: 2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

C. Elisha prays that his servant may see how things really are 2 Kings 6:14-18 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

D. Jacob dreams and sees angels of God coming and going from heaven to earth- Gen. 28:12-16 V. 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

E. Disciples on the road to Emmaus – Lk. 24:13-32 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" ... Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn

within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

F. 2 Cor. 4:16-18 Things which are seen and not seen. Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

G. What about you.

1. Are you afraid to see the truth about, Yourself, others, life, God?
2. Young man went to a wise man and told him he wanted to learn truth and be wise. Wise man took him to the stream and dunked his head. When you want truth and knowledge as much as you wanted air you will find it.

III. We are at War

A. It is going to get worse before it gets better, Jer. 12:5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?"

B. War within our own lives:

1. Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

2. James 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?"

C. War, like it or not, is all about us, always has been since the fall of man. The war has been going on for a long time.

D. Jesus said- Matt. 10:32- 34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

E. How bad do you want to understand the freedom and life Christ Promised? Are you willing to fight for it?
We are at war-

F. Eph. 5:13-16 (NIV) For it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Conclusion:

A. Coming up

1. The Weight of your Glory.
2. How Can I Walk with God?
3. Guarding the Treasures of the Kingdom.

B. You were created to have glory and dominion.

1. Come to the Lord and learn to really live.
2. Come and obey the gospel
 - a. Hear Heb. 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
 - b. Believe- Rom. 10: 9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
 - c. Repent- Luke 13: 3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

d. Confess- Rom. 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

e. Be baptized- Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.