

Christ in You – the Hope of Glory

Colossians 1:24-29 (NIV)

24 Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—

26 The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

The mystery (God's revealed secret plan) is that Christ lives in me!

Romans 6:4 (NKJV)

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

The Holy Spirit will manifest the glory of God in your life!

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words defines Glory as "the character and ways of God as exhibited through Christ to and through believers."
(Greek *doxa* Strong's #1391)

The glory of God is the manifestation of the character, ways, presence, and power of God in your life!

Character – Presence – Displaying the Fruit of the Spirit

Ways – Power – Demonstrating the Gifts of the Spirit

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"Holy Spirit, manifest the character and ways of God in my life today."

"Holy Spirit, manifest the presence and power of God in my life today."

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NLT)

17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 And all of us who have had that veil removed can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.

"I'm free from anything that doesn't glorify Jesus."