

**WCCC 2025**  
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**We Beheld His Glory (3)**

The Lord has been very wonderful to us. There are those who right from the start pressed on to higher ground, heaven's tableland, Mount Zion, and during these times we were allowed to see the Christ in glory. Thank God for those who are pressing on the upward way.

We have these conferences because oftentimes, you know, we have to find that plumline again for our lives of glory. But after spending these days up there in heaven's tableland, the Lord has come down to us again this evening and set His table here on earth.

For even as the Lord has spoken from glory, the seven eyes of His Holy Spirit look out over the congregation and they see some who are not pursuing. Perhaps they are too young to understand this upward way. Like Nathaniel, they are sitting under a tree, reading their Bibles. But they can't say they've seen the glory of the Lord. So this morning the Lord checked His glory up there in the heavenlies and came down and just showed to us in the original form of His grace at the table.

Wherever you are spiritually, the Lord has noticed you and He loves you. I hope you will have sensed some kind of an upward thirst for the glory of God.

A great burden that we all have. Even if we say that this auditorium was full of people truly pursuing the God of glory and were vessels of honor, the Lord is playing a big game. He wants all His children conformed to His glory. Those ones who were left behind this week as we came to the meeting. The many brothers and sisters who have not even tasted the glory of the Lord.

You see, our God, the Lord, the Father of glory, indeed will see one day the earth full of the glory of the Lord. And the Lord of glory, the Son of God, one day will see His bride reproduced just like Him. So God the Father is working all things together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Even as we sing "Oh to be like Him", the Holy Spirit is working on this vessel of glory - His Church - until we are all conformed to the glory of Christ.

And so the Lord Jesus who has been glorified sits at the right hand of God the Father. And the Spirit of glory is working upon us even now. He has got to take this new creation, created by Jesus Christ in Christ. He has got to place us on resurrection ground. That life - Zoe - that our brother spoke about last night.

And then fashion us through sanctification so we go from being called, to justified, to sanctified to glorified.

The house of the Lord is to be a glorious place. I think we can even taste it these few days. I like for us to open our Bibles to Psalm 84, this song from the sons of Korah.

*"How lovely are Your dwelling places,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord;  
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.  
The bird also has found a house,  
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
My King and my God.  
How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!  
They are ever praising You. Selah.  
How blessed is the man whose strength is in You,  
In whose heart are the highways to Zion!  
Passing through the valley of weeping they make it a spring;  
The early rain also covers it with blessings.  
They go from strength to strength,  
Every one of them appears before God in Zion.  
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah.  
Behold our shield, O God,  
And look upon the face of Your anointed.  
For a day in Your courts is better by far than a thousand outside.  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
The Lord gives grace and glory;  
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.  
O Lord of hosts,  
How blessed is the man who trusts in You!"  
Psalms 84 NASB1995*

A few verses from Revelation 19,

*"Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,*

*"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.*

*Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her*

*to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."*  
*Revelation 19:6-8 NASB1995*

And then finally Revelation 21:9-11

*"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."*

*And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper."*  
*Revelation 21:9-11 NASB1995*

Oh Lord as we come to you today, we read your precious Word, and its brilliance and beauty and heaviness lay upon our hearts. For you will indeed achieve everything that we have read. And we will be glorious. And we will enter into your gloriousness. What a wonderful day! As we are in this process of transitioning from glory to glory, as you have taken us as created vessels and are fashioning us into vessels of honor, by your grace we hunger to see you in your glory. So we pray in these final few moments as we reflect on your glory, may your Spirit speak to us again. We pray in Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Are you looking for your home? Or are you looking to just go home? One of the riddles that I spoke about was this: There are, in our lives, fond memories and an earnest desire to be again in a place that we have never been. It is like going home.

I wanted to read Psalm 84 because there is a special hidden blessing in it. As you see in the superscript of the Psalm, it is written by the sons of Korah. Now, Korah was that Levite man back in the wilderness who rebelled against Moses and was swallowed up in the ground along with his family. Not all of the tribe of Korah and the Levites were swallowed in. But of those 4 families within the Levites, the sons of Korah were set outside, no longer serving the house of God. And for centuries, they bore the reproach of their father's rebellion.

Now something happened - we don't know the details - but in the days of David, he overheard some songs sweeter than he had ever heard before. And these songs always seemed to be talking somehow about the beauty and glory of God's house.

How beautiful are Thy courts, O Lord! I would rather live on the threshold of the house of God than anywhere else! You have even given the sparrows a place up there in the rafters to build a little nest in Your house.

We hear everybody praising God. In our hearts, there is a highway to Zion. You see, all those years of being left outside produced a yearning for home. Oh, how I want to be in the courts of the Lord! And David heard their songs and put them in the Psalms. Oh, they are special. They are so hungry! My heart hungers. Can we please gather one more time in Jesus' name and break bread?

You see, the sons of Korah had found a home. It wasn't their home. It was their home in the Lord.

How wonderful when we read the stories of people who have found their home. Let me mention a few more. If you turn to Acts 18:24, I would like to share with you when Apollos found his home. Now you know Apollos was a great Greek preacher of Jesus the Messiah. He went into the synagogues all over the Grecian empire, preaching whether in Greek or Hebrew that Jesus was the Messiah. He had no home, but he went from synagogue to synagogue.

*"Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,"*  
Acts 18:24-27 NASB1995

Now, what was this "more perfect way" that Priscilla and Aquila spoke to Apollos about? He knew Jesus as Lord and Messiah risen from the dead. But he had never been baptised into his home, the body of Christ. And so Priscilla and Aquila said, "Listen, you need to be baptised into the body of Christ! There is Christ alive today in His body." And then, can you imagine, when Apollos showed up in the church in Corinth, which was well developed with apostles and prophets, and teachers and pastors and evangelists and people with various spiritual gifts, and Apollos saw Christ in the body. He was home.

I am so thankful I got saved and the Lord called me to preach, and I became a baptist preacher for several years. But 11 years after I got saved, I went on a trip to the United Kingdom, to a place called Halford House where our brother Lance Lambert was serving. I was on a mission there with my father-in-law and a team of evangelists. We were holding a revival there at the place. But while I was there, I found home. I saw the body of Christ, with the Lord as Head over it. And so I left being a minister and a baptist, and learned about my home, the Body of Christ.

Isn't that wonderful? After roaming about, restlessly serving to find home? I remember a number of years ago I was out for about 3 weeks in India with a dear brother. We were traversing the place, preaching the gospel in this place and that. We were in the major cities like Hyderabad and Mumbai, and finally one of the brothers said, we are going up to a place up in the mountains, a very remote little city up there in India. We got into a van and started heading up there. First of all, I thought we were going to fall off a cliff. We started out at noon. At 9 o'clock at night, we lost the fifth tire of our car and could not travel. In that part of India, the monkeys would call out. I didn't know when an Indian Bengal tiger would jump out. We had to wait outside the car as they jacked up the car.

A man came by in the car once every 2 hours or so, and took our tire into town 10 miles away to get it fixed and brought it back. It was now 2am in the morning. So we came to this place that none of you know, Kalimpong. I was sleepless and weary as I woke up the next day to begin a series of meetings in their fellowship. All those beautiful dark Indian faces. All the sisters wearing their beautiful saris. And by the time they began to worship, I began to say, "This is home".

As you can see, it gets harder and harder for me to walk around various places, but here at WCCC, I feel at home. I can't really say that I am white on the outside and yellow on the inside. But you see, it is that place I yearn for - home - but it is not really home. It is where the Lord is present. Where I not only share, but I can touch some of His glory as we hear various brothers ministering the Word.

I wonder: have you found home? Some of you are far from home. What you discover is that the place that you long for, and you go back and visit, it isn't the little house or neighborhood that you live in. No, home was Dad and Mom and Grandma. It was the family of God.

And so we have this hunger for the home in the Lord within our hearts. Some of the young people here have not pursued much or heard much about these things that have been shared. But I hope you feel like the sparrow. There is a place for you. Up in the rafters in the house of God. You don't think for one moment that the Lord has not noticed you here.

Back in our Baptist Sunday School we gave silver stars whenever a kid showed up during the week. Now I give a silver star to every Gen-Z that puts up with me in these days. You showed up. Now, may the Lord give you a gold star. You see, He is creating vessels of glory.

Now we want to, in our short time we have this morning, how the Lord creates two great vessels of honor for His glory. So we want to just touch on Paul's life as an example of how the Lord turns one from created glory, through the process of shaping, into a chosen vessel.

The first thing Paul realized was that God had chosen him out before he had even understood he was to be a vessel of honor. You remember how Paul said, “now God has set me apart even from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace.” There was God already shaping that little baby in the mother’s bosom into a vessel of glory.

Don’t you know He has done the same thing with you? I find that many of God’s children who got saved at whatever age in their lives, they look back in their lives and sense there were moments that they were in God’s shaping hands. Now, of course, the great enigma and riddle is why God would ever choose Paul, the worst sinner in the world? Or even me, who comes in second?

Listen to God’s thinking about all of this. In Romans 9:21, I think Paul is giving us a little biographical picture here.

*"Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?"*  
Romans 9:21 NASB1995

Now listen.

*"What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,"*  
Romans 9:22-23 NASB1995

God said, “He is such a sinner. I ought to beat him up. What do you angels think?”

“Yes, beat him up.”

God says, “I got a better idea. Instead of beating him up, I am going to make the chief of sinners a vessel of glory and honor for Jesus, the One he was persecuting. How can I get Paul to turn around from this disastrous walk to destruction?”

As Paul walked down the road to Damascus to persecute more Christians, God said, “I know what to do. Paul, let there be light!”

Paul’s eyes opened up to the shekinah glory. As a Pharisee, that is his dream! “Can I just see the shekinah glory for which I am willing to die?” But God showed His glory on this sinner!

“I see the glory! I see the GLLOOOORY! Who are you?”

“I am Jesus, this Glory you have been persecuting.”

What happened? Paul went blind. He thought he saw it for 30 seconds, then he went blind. And when you see His glory, you go blind. His life was over. They dragged him over to a street called Straight.

Now God had a tough job. He had to convince Ananias to go pray for this guy. He said, “Ananias, my buddy. I want you to go over there and pray for Paul. Pray for his healing.”

Ananias said, “I don’t know. I’ve heard about him. Should I go over there with a sword.”

Listen to God’s response.

*“But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.””*  
Acts 9:15-16 NASB1995

You probably don’t even try to compare yourself to the sinfulness of Saul. But I hope you will one day be surprised when the glory of God shines on you. “I don’t care what you were. You are now dead, and now you are a vessel of glory alive for Me.”

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5, “Now I have learned this lesson. I reckon that one man died for all, therefore we all died, and now whoever is living does not live for himself anymore, but for Him who died and rose again on his behalf.”

So Ananias went in there and laid his hands on Paul, prayed and ran out.

If anybody had glory on his face, it was the Apostle Paul after he received his sight. He started reading the Word. He got some food. He was completely restored by the good Chinese food he had. So he went to the synagogue in Damascus and witnessed how he once was a persecutor and now he was saved. And they almost killed him. They had to lower him down the wall in a basket at midnight.

“That’s ok! I was a persecutor and now I’m saved! I am going to be a martyr for Jesus!” He goes to Jerusalem and to the synagogues and begins preaching that Jesus is the Messiah. Some people are already plotting how to kill him.

So Peter and the brothers got together and said, “Now Paul, listen. We are going to send you to seminary in the desert. Nobody else is going to be there, but take the scrolls and the Holy Spirit is going take you through an education there at Bramble Bush Seminary.”

So he devoured the Word of God. But you see, the veil had been taken off his eyes. And he saw Jesus in Genesis, Exodus and Psalms and Isaiah! Even the little animals in the desert looked and saw the glory on his face.

When he came back from desert seminary, then the apostles said, “now we are promoting you. Here’s what we want you to do. You have a very important job. Go back and live with Mom and Dad in Tarsus. Start making tents again and learn to live as a member of the body of Christ there in Tarsus.”

I reckon the Bible was almost exploding in his heart, but the brothers said, “No, no, no, Paul, you spoke 4 Sundays in a row. Take a vacation.”

That’s why when young people go off to college they hate to go home. At home they are still regarded as little kids. Paul was humbled. He learned lessons. He had to learn to get along with people. He had to learn that there were various members in the Body of Christ.

That lesson took only 11 years.

Here’s Paul: “I am a chosen vessel. God saved me. He wants to send me to the Gentiles. I’ve heard it, I have the scriptures in my heart, but I’m staying in Tarsus all the time! God, let me see your GLOOORY!” Finally just as he was about to burst, old Barney came down from Antioch and found him.

“Listen, we have stuff going on in Antioch. I want you to start teaching the Bible.”

You see, he had to learn how to be part of this thing which he later called “the new creation in Christ”. There’s this thing - the Church - conformed to the image of Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit, called the “New Creation”.

As we know in 2 Corinthians, Paul had to learn about this new creation. He had to learn how to minister the Word, not because he had something great to share, but he had to learn to be compelled by the love of God.

I remember when I first started preaching, I used to read Charles Spurgeon’s messages, jot down notes and preach it to the people. But I wasn’t preaching because I said, “Jesus, I know you love these people. Is there something you want to say to them?” I had a lot to say, and being rather big and loud, I used to yell at the Christians.

Can you believe this? I was a Christian 2 years and they called me to be a pastor at the church. I was yelling, “Repent! Repent!”

One day a brother came up to me and said, “Dana, you got to make a decision. Now are you going to feed the sheep, or club the goats?” I was beating up the goats. I wasn’t feeding the sheep.

And Paul had to learn this: to be controlled by the love of God in his messages and dealings in the Body of Christ. And he also had to learn how not to look at his brothers and sisters, not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Now when you look around right now at this congregation, you see almost everybody here, ready to be raptured. Except the brothers and sisters from the fellowship where you come from. Oh, you know all about them in the flesh. You can quote their prayer meeting prayers. They pray the same prayer every week.

But Paul had to see Christ in that person. This was only the beginning, because he had to learn a further lesson by revelation. One day the Holy Spirit gave him the revelation in his spirit of the riches of the glory among the saints. He started to see Jesus among the brothers and sisters. He started seeing the glory of Jesus among the brothers and sisters. And his mind was renewed about the definition of the church. Instead of looking at those who were troubled and rebellious, he saw the glorious riches of Christ in the saints.

What a transition place, brothers and sisters, when you start looking at the congregation and you see gold!

I remember some people one day were sitting around talking about the problems in the congregation there. They were speaking of divisions and so on. But one of the responsible brothers there was listening and smiling. And I said, "now what do you think?". He said "I just look at the gold."

Is that what you do? Do you see the gold in your brothers and sisters? It would be a shame if you went home from these few days we have together and you do not see the gold nuggets sitting beside you.

God was making Paul a vessel of honor. But God had a lot more work He had to do. Just as an example, He had to break Paul's strong will for self-righteousness. Paul must have read the book when he was a little kid about the little choo-choo train who went "I think I can; I think I can; I think I can". So when he got saved, he was 100% for Jesus and he had decided that he could overcome every temptation by his own strength of will. You all know, that put him in the riddle of Romans 7 pretty quickly.

"Wait a minute, what's wrong? I want to do right but I'm doing wrong! I say the law is good, but I am breaking it. I have great intentions to be a good Christian, but lousy actions. Oh, I am being buried in this body of sin!". Then he saw that "you are not being buried by your sin. You are already crucified. And now you need to live by faith in My life in you to overcome these things. I want you to live, Paul, by a new law. Not that law that brings condemnation, but the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Here is the law. It is unbreakable. Walk in the Spirit, and you will not fulfil the desires of the flesh."

So it is no longer Paul's righteousness that had to be done away with. It was Christ's righteousness in this vessel. But he had to go through a lot of sufferings. He learned in the sufferings that many times he was not suffering for his own sake, but so when the Comforter came he could comfort other people. So he saw when people suffer and God comes through and helps them, they can help other people. And then he saw, as he came to moments in his life, that he "despaired of life itself".

In 2 Corinthians 1:8 he shares a testimony. "Brothers and sisters, you may think I am the new superhero. I can do anything."

*"For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;"*  
2 Corinthians 1:8 NASB1995

"We came so clear in those times of trouble that I felt that I was going to die. And the Lord led me through that time, so that I would give up at all trusting myself, and then trusting myself completely to God who can raise the dead."

Then he went through another class in the school of Christ. Failure 101. Paul was a preacher of the gospel. We find in 2 Corinthians 2. I am getting to my point in 2 Corinthians 3 where glory is mentioned 12 times. These are the lessons we learn before the glory shines.

*"Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord, I had no rest for my spirit, not finding Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I went on to Macedonia."*  
2 Corinthians 2:12-13 NASB1995

Paul comes to Troas. The brothers have set up a tent so he can preach the gospel. The choir has been practicing singing "Amazing Grace". The bulletins have been handed out. The Lord has opened the door for the gospel.

But Paul says, "I can't. I am too worried. I can't get my mind on doing the gospel. I am sorry, I have to go." Failure 101. What did Paul learn from it?

*"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place."*  
2 Corinthians 2:14 NASB1995

Can you believe the Lord turned Failure 101 to Victory 202? Because it turns out that in that moment it was more important for Paul to show that deep agony of concern for the saints in Corinth and for Titus than to preach the gospel.

Now, two more lessons on shaping Paul into the vessel of honor.

One, he had to learn that when he was weak, then he was strong. What a glory lesson! He saw up in the third heaven, “GLLLOOORRRY!”, then he saw in his side, a stake of agony. He was too weak, but he still got up and preached. He almost crawled to the pulpit and spoke. But in those times when he was weak and completely dependent, they were the most powerful messages he gave; which was of course part of the greater lesson to do with vessel-hood.

Just about the time Paul would think “now I am a vessel of honor, useful to the Master”, the Lord says, “One more glory lesson there, Paul. You are just a clay vessel. But the glory is inside of you. And I am going to use you as an earthen vessel by breaking you and letting the glory come out.”

Now Paul was not a vessel of glory in his own eyes. He was just an earthen vessel. But he found that every time he was broken, this treasure of God came out so that the surpassing greatness of the power would be of God and not of himself.

Paul had to suffer. It was all glory. He was perplexed, he was afflicted, he was persecuted. He was carrying about the dying in that earthen vessel, but the life was coming out. So Paul was shaped by the Holy Spirit into a chosen vessel useful for the Lord.

Is that the end of the story? No, no, no. God is not just trying to make us into chosen, useful vessels. Why did God prepare Paul through this tremendous transition? Because God has a bigger vessel in mind: the bride, the Church to be made a vessel of glory. And so Paul began to see that His calling was to edify the body of Christ. To bring it together and watch the Holy Spirit perform that into the bride.

As it says in Ephesians 5, Jesus loved His Church and gave Himself for her, cleansing her by the washing of water in the Word, presenting to Himself a Church in all her glory.

So now Paul had to learn how to prepare and perfect that church. And that brings us to 2 Corinthians 3. Paul says that the Lord by the Spirit “Led me into new covenant ministry where there was glory.”

*"Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."*

*2 Corinthians 3:5-6 NASB1995*

Now Paul, because of his pharisaic background, knew how to club the goats. He knew how to preach the law. He knew how to tell people to repent. And as he tells us in chapter 3, preaching the law has its own kind of glory. Because when Moses received the law, he received the glory on his face. But it fades away. It can't change a person. It shows, and then it fades.

“But now Paul, I want you to do new covenant ministry by the Holy Spirit.” And how do you do that? “I want you to take your life as a pen and fill it full of the Holy Spirit, and write Christ on human hearts. Not preach messages to the brain. I want you to write Christ into their hearts. I want people to see you brothers and sisters in Corinth and say ‘I see Christ there.’”

You see, God is conforming us into the image of His Son. But only the Holy Spirit can write Christ upon your heart. This Holy Spirit has indelible ink, and the glory abides. And so the law's glory fades away, but the Spirit's glory increased and increased.

Dear brothers and sisters, are you a Sunday School teacher? Do you sometimes open up the time of worship with the sharing about the Lord's table? Maybe you teach a Bible Study in one of the home groups. There is only one kind of ministry that is going to transform people, and that is when the Holy Spirit writes Christ in people's lives.

It is interesting that it is in this context where Paul says, “you can do it the right way or the wrong way.” If you just take the Bible and just preach the Word - the letter - without the Holy Spirit, it kills people. But if and when you share the Word of God, the Holy Spirit is able to unveil our eyes. A transformation takes place.

Now the Lord says about how these things work in 2 Corinthians 3.

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”*  
2 Corinthians 3:17 NASB1995

The Spirit has to be in charge of our ministry. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

*“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”*  
2 Corinthians 3:18 NASB1995

Paul says, “what a shame”. The Jews have the Word of God. Remember in those days there was no New Testament. But every time they read it there is a veil over their eyes. God has blinded their eyes. So when they read Isaiah 53 they don't

see that the suffering servant is Christ. Or what they read Psalm 110 they don't see that Jehovah has said to the Lord Jesus, "Sit at my right hand". When they read Isaiah 7, they don't see "Immanuel, God is with us", as Jesus.

In Chapter 9 of Isaiah, they don't see,

*"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6 NASB1995*

When the Jews read that, they say, "Who's that? Who's that? Who's that?" But Paul says, "When you turn to the Lord, the veil is taken off. And you'll say 'that's Jesus!'".

And so it is so vital that as we study and ministry the Word of God that the Holy Spirit ministers in such a way that He writes Christ upon us. Now all of us are so different, but each of us can manifest the name of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that does that transforming work from glory to glory.

When Paul says, "It is like having a mirror", I say that's the Word of God. But if the Spirit has taken off the veil and you look in that mirror, you will see Christ. You see the glory of Christ and you see yourself imaged there - a little bit of the bride of Christ. And every time you see that, you are renewed in just a step of being like Christ.

This is a work of course that only the Spirit can do. My great thanks is to the Lord that as we have gotten together, I have seen some of you even in transition. Do you sing that song?

*"From glory to glory He's changing me  
Changing me, changing me.*

*Changing me, changing me,  
From shades of earth to the heavenly."*

I just say for our time together, "Glory". We will see our Lord's face sooner than we think. Let the Holy Spirit prepare the way in our lives.

Dear Holy Spirit, humble friend and constant comforter, our Lord longs for His bride. Do that work in us that you wish to do. We yield ourselves as vessels created for the glory of God. And as impossible as it is to believe, when we see Jesus, we want to be like Him. Oh, to be like Him! Wonderful Jesus. We just commit all of these words spoken by all the brothers and in the groups and all, may they all be for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.