

His Glory is That of the Father's

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"And the Word (Jesus) was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld **His glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

Glory: from the Greek word ***doxan (doxa)*** a noun which means: an opinion whether good or bad, concerning some one, (or some thing); (usually always in a good sense in the New Testament). The preeminent divine qualities and manifestations of God. In the N.T. ***doxa*** is usually translated **glory**. From ***dokeo***, meaning: exercising personal opinion. (***doxa*** literally means "**that-what** evokes a good opinion, i.e. **that something** has inherent, intrinsic worth" J. Thayer). It is a good opinion which causes in the beholder to give glory through expressions of praise, worship, honor, towards the one being glorified. In Context: the manifestation of the Father's **Glory** in and through His only Begotten Son - Christ Jesus - who is full of Grace and Truth: attributes which are themselves manifestations of the Father's **Glory**.

To get a better understanding of how the word glory is used in the New Testament consider the following:

- **Glory represents** light, illumination, exceeding brightness: see Luke 2:9, Acts 22:6-11, Revelation 18:1; 2 Corinthians 3:7; Hebrews 1:1-3
- **Glory represents** power, majesty, magnificence, splendor: see Matthew 16:27; Matthew 25: 31
- **Glory represents** excellence, preeminence: see 2 Corinthians 3:7-11;
- **Glory represents** God's holiness, purity, mercy: see Romans 3:23, Romans 9:23
- **Glory represents** praise, worship, honor, thanksgiving: see Luke 17:18; Jude 1:25; 1 Peter 4:11; Rev. 7:12

Only Begotten: from the Greek word ***monogenous*** which means: only-begotten; unique; (from ***monos***: "one" and ***genos***: offspring). Properly: "one of a kind" (the only of its kind); the only offspring; who is one-unique-offspring. Used of an only son or daughter (viewed in relation to their parents). In Context: speaking of Christ, **being the one and only unique Son of God** who eternally shares the Father's Glorious Divine attributes.

From: from the Greek word ***Para*** which means: from; from-close-beside; stresses nearness (or closeness) which is often not conveyed in translation; from an intimately close relationship. In context: Jesus is the one and only-begotten Son **from** The Father who intimately shares the Father's Glorious Divine attributes, and Oneness with the Father and Holy Spirit.

Father: from the Greek word ***patros*** which means: father; (from ***pater***: a father); refers to the male begetter, originator, progenitor of children; and thus someone in intimate connection and relationship with his child (children); and who passes on to his children unique physical characteristics, (or in the context of Christ Jesus, the unique Divine Glorious attributes of God the Father)

Literal: "And we beheld the Glory of-Him, Glory as-of an-Only-Begotten from the-Father full-of Grace and Truth."

NKJV: " And we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth."

My paraphrase: 'And Jesus' own people saw, witnessed, and beheld His Divine-Glory, Glory as could only happen through Oneness With the Father, and the people saw, witnessed, and beheld His Divine-Glory fully manifested as Grace and Truth!'

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When John writes, "And **we** beheld **His glory**," he was saying basically that he and his fellow disciples in Christ Jesus beheld the Glorious Devine wonders of all that transpired during the three and a half years of the first coming ministry of Jesus. Consider the following:

"And it came to pass ... that Jesus took Peter and John and James, and went up onto a mountain to pray. And as He prayed, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His clothing **was white and glistening**. And, behold, there were talking with Him two men, who were Moses and Elijah; **who appeared in glory**, and spoke of His death which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter, and those who were with, him were heavy with sleep: and when they awoke, **they saw His Glory**, and the two men who stood with Him. And it came to pass, as they departed from Him, Peter said unto Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah;' not realizing what he said." (Luke: 9:28-36)

"We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **For He (Jesus) received from God the Father Honor and Glory**, when there came such a voice to **Him** from the **Excellent Glory (a title of the Father)** saying, **'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased *.'** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him on the Holy mountain." (2 Peter 1:16-18) (* a statement made within the hearing of the people, of Devine Praise from the Father about, for, and to Jesus)

Miracles were also manifestations of the Father's Glory in and through Jesus:

"Jesus said unto them, 'Fill the water-pots with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And He said unto them, 'Draw some out now, and take it unto the master of the (wedding) feast.' And they took it. And when the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not where it came; (but the servants which drew the water knew;) and the master of the feast called the bridegroom, and said unto him, 'Every man at the beginning sets forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou have kept the good wine until now.' This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested forth His Glory**; and His disciples believed on him." (John 2: 6-11)

"Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore his sisters sent unto Jesus, saying, 'Lord, behold, he whom You loved is sick.' When Jesus heard *this*, He said, 'This sickness is not unto death, **but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God might be glorified by it.**' Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When He had heard therefore that he was sick, He stayed two days still in the same place where He was. Then after that He said to the disciples, 'Let us go into Judea again.'" (John 11:1-7)

Jesus desires, and prays to the Father; that we who believe and know Jesus would behold, share in His eternal glory:

"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also might be sanctified through the Truth. Nor do I pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they **all** may be one; as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You, so that they also may be one in **Us**; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. **And the Glory which You gave Me I have given to them**; so that they may be one, even as We are One; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and has loved them, as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given to Me, be with Me where I am; **so that they may behold My Glory, which You (the Father) have to given Me**: for You loved Me **before the foundation of the world**. O righteous Father, the world has not known You; but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me." (John 17:19-25)

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The Glory which we received through Christ Jesus is of the Glory that the Father gave to Jesus. Consider the Following:

“For we preach not ourselves, **but Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded **the Light** to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, **to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**” (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

Jesus, " being the brightness of His (the Father's) Glory, and the express image of His (the Father's) person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High. (Hebrews 1:3)

“And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only True God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have **glorified** You on the earth. I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, **O Father, Glorify Me with Your Own Self with the Glory which I had with You before the world existed.**” (see John 17: 3-5)

“You (the Father) made Him (Jesus) a little lower than the angels; You crowned Him with **Glory and Honor**, and sat Him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under His feet. For in that He (the Father) put all in subjection under Him (Jesus), He left nothing *that is* not put under Him. ... But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **crowned with Glory and Honor**; so that Jesus by the **Grace of God** should taste death **for every man**. For it became Him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons **unto glory**, to make the **Author of Their Salvation** (Jesus) perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified *are* all of One; for which reason He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them (us) **brethren.**” (Hebrews 2:7-11)

Consider these final verses:

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then **the sign of the Son of Man (Jesus)** shall appear in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, **and they shall see the Son of Man (Jesus) coming in the clouds of heaven with power and Great Glory.** And He shall send forth His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together **His elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Matthew 24:28-32)

“But the God of all grace, who has called **us** unto His eternal glory through Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. **To Him be Glory and Dominion forever and ever. Amen.**” (1 Peter 5: 10-11)

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be Honor and Glory forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Timothy 1:17)

The Glory of Jesus is That of the Father's

The glorious **Glory** of the Father given to, and manifested in and through Jesus is:

Excellent !! Preeminent !! Full of Grace, Mercy, and Truth !!!

His glorious Glory illuminates, enlightens, and draws us like moths to the marvelous Light which is the Father's in Christ Jesus !!

**All Glory, Honor, Power, Dominion, Praise, and Majesty be to...
... You Lord Jesus, and to the Father – Forever and Ever!
Always and Always, for Eternity without End !!
Truly Truly – Amen and Amen !!**