

Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People

GLORIOUS – Romans 3

• ROMANS 3:23 “For all have sinned, all fall short of the glory of God.”

• **GLORY**. Something has glory or is glory when it really catches the eye because it is something special. There is a weight or substance – a perfection - a value – a beauty or worth that is extraordinary. One of the words for glory in the Hebrew language was “shekinah.”

The shekinah glory was experienced as a shining light, a shining out coming from within. The shining person inside manifesting himself.

• In Revelation God the Father, who is spirit, is described as “The ONE sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled the throne like a rainbow.” Rev. 4:3

• **We are the GLORY OF GOD.** We are glorious because God the Father created us in His image. We are made of the same glory that he is. • “Then God said, ‘Let us make people in **our image**, to be like ourselves.’” Genesis 1:26 • “O Lord, our Lord, what are we that you should think of us? **For you made us only a little lower than yourself, O God**, and you crowned us with glory and honor.”

Psalm 8

• **The purpose of our life is to be God’s family and friend**, to walk and talk and share life with Him. God speaks to us and we understand what he says. We can speak back to him as a son or daughter to a father, friend to friend, bride to her husband, because that is who we are.

• **SIN then is falling short of the glorious person we are.** The biggest tragedy in the selfish and self-exalting things we do is the effect they have on who we are. • When we sin, we know we are actually letting ourselves down and crippling our ability to relate comfortably and happily with God and the people we love.

• **RIGHT WITH GOD.** **God’s answer to our glory destroying sin** is to remove them from his sight (and our sight) by transferring them to Christ on the cross.

• “Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Jesus Christ, who has freed us by taking away our sins and to satisfy God’s anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his life’s blood, sacrificing his life for us.”