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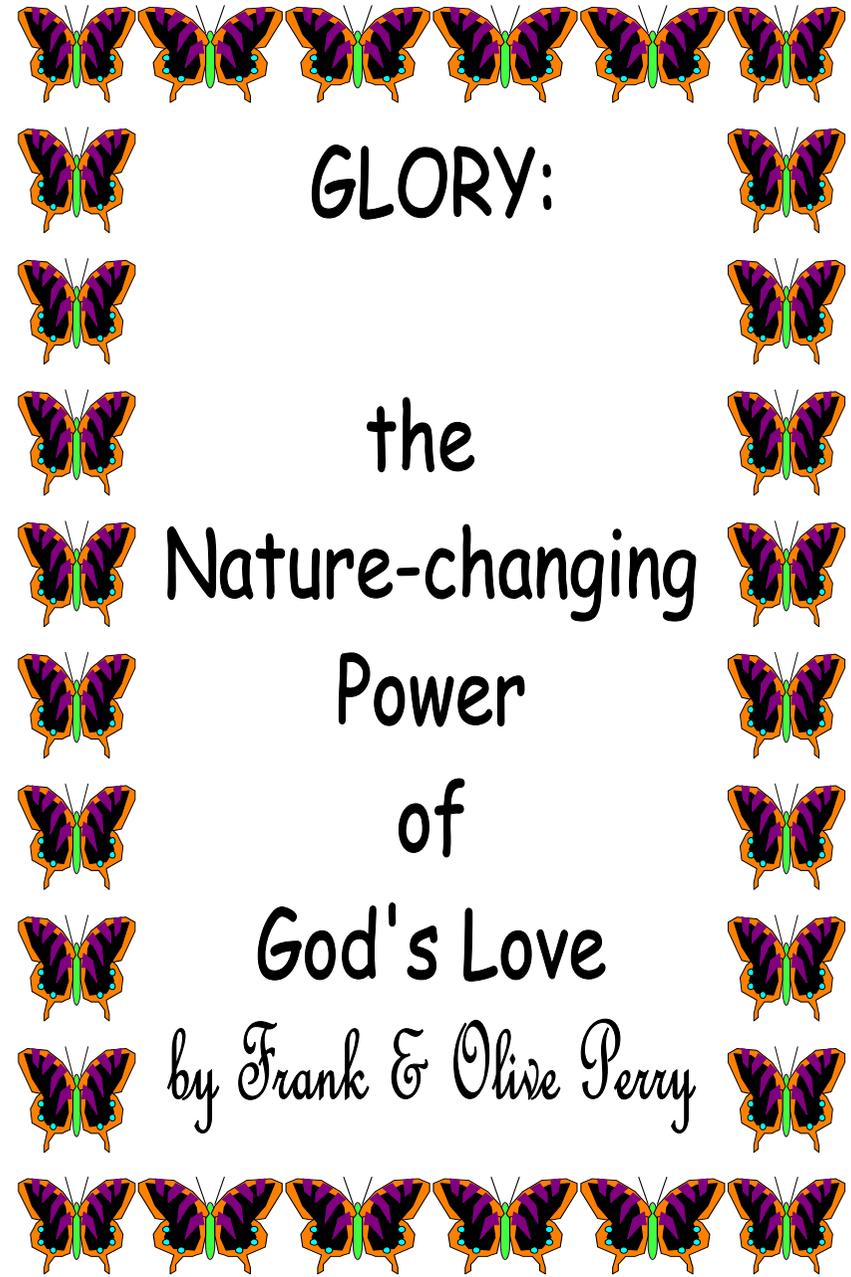
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Glory to God and Hallelujah!



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INTRODUCTION

Since the turn of the century the world has seen many outpourings of Almighty God in the form of revivals and Holy Spirit blessings. One would suppose that we, the body of Christ, would grab these opportunities with both hands and run with them to the extent that we would be enabled by the Power of the Holy Spirit to complete the job of evangelising the whole world.

So, why did these “revivals” seem to just fizzle out when surely every heart in Christ’s kingdom just aches to see the lost saved from the fires of hell?

Why, when we have Pentecost revitalised to the body in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Toronto blessing and the Pensacola blessing, do we allow such manifestations to be kept for the most part in our ‘churchy’ environment? Are these manifestations really just for the refreshing of the saints, over and over again?

Why, when we have such lay movements as Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI) Promise Keepers, Walk of a Thousand Men, Women's Aglow, Lydia, etc, are these not supported by a large percentage of the body? We have become very aware that when we get out of our denominations and become so much more "the Church universal", that is when God blesses so abundantly.

Sadly, we hear criticism, negativism, moaning, judgmentalism and gossip from all quarters – and that is not from the world but from our own brothers and sisters in Christ. **Why?**

We recall hearing of a man complaining about and criticising the FGBMFI to a friend of ours. Our friend asked how many were saved in his church last month? The answer was "I don't think there were any". Our friend then replied "Why are you criticising FGB then?"

There is so much disunity in the body of Christ today; it is so fragmented it's no wonder it is so weak. We don't even know of a single fellowship that is in complete unity – let alone the whole body.

Yet the gospel is very positive – it's a gospel of unity and when the church comes to the place of unity instead of "you in your small corner and I in mine", we will see a reaping like never before. In fact, we will see the end time harvest – for which we surely all yearn.

This book is about unity: not so much why we don't have it (because that would be negative) but how to achieve it – not man's way but God's way. Does that seem like too

big a miracle for any of us to believe for? Praise God, He has already provided, and here we will seek to demonstrate how unity can be brought about – because it has in fact already been established for us to take hold of.

Fortunately the kingdom of heaven is not short of the wherewithal to make unity become the normality for the body of Christ in this day and age. We only have to begin to put God's glory into practise, because what **we** are unable to achieve, the **glory** will do for us quite supernaturally.

Why “the glory”? From the revealed word of God we will show how God's glory will do what we would naturally find impossible.

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CHAPTER 1

THE GLORY GIVEN

THE OPERATION OF THE GLORY OF GOD DEMANDS THAT ALL THE LAWS OF LOVE BE FULFILLED AND HIS GLORY IS AN EXTENSION OF HIS LOVE.

God is love and we are His children so He delights in us. He wants to see His glory shining from our faces so that others will see His glory and come to Him. Amen.

Consider how it would be if the Lord Jesus appeared in your High Street in a transfigured state (as in Matthew 5), face shining like the sun in all His majestic glory. How many people do you think would respond to His offer of salvation? Surely everyone would be bound to respond and the job would be completed in no time at all.

But it seems that's not God's plan. He has a much more amazing plan. Imagine if you and we were to be transfigured in the same way that Jesus was, so that suddenly the unsaved saw glorified Christians – and even better than just being glorified, we would also be unified! This is so hard to even begin to have faith for, or a vision for, yet it's all there in the Bible; not just one verse; not just an obscure scripture taken out of context, but the “good news of the glory of Christ” (2 Cor 4 v 4) endorsed over and over again.

To whom has the glory been given? We were always told, and brought up to believe that “you cannot touch God's glory”. Yet when we read John 17 v 22/23 we discover that Jesus himself gave us the glory His Father gave Him! “..... AND THE GLORY WHICH YOU GAVE ME I HAVE GIVEN THEM” The ‘them’ is of course us – every born-again Christian. The moment we were born-again of the Spirit of God, we received God's glory – maybe we just didn't realise it at the time. Jesus gave us the glory His Father had given Him: not slightly less or

slightly different in any way – the same glory, His glory.

Why did He give it to us? Let's read on: “..... THAT THEY MAY BE ONE JUST AS WE ARE ONE: I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME; THAT THEY MAY BE MADE PERFECT IN ONE” To make us one! To make us one! **We** can't do it and **you** can't do it, but Jesus has given us the wherewithal to do it – the Father's glory! He has given it to each one of us so that we can all play our part individually in functioning in unity. Note also that it is not just unity but '**made perfect**' in unity.

This is not just some airy-fairy idea; another blessing for us to experiment with – this is the most awesome concept ever – PERFECT UNITY – **with all who are part of this organism**, the body of Christ.

We might ask: does that mean I am to be in perfect unity with the Catholics, the Brethren, the Apostolics, the Anglicans, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Methodists, the Baptists, etc, etc? The answer seems to be that we will find ourselves in unity with **all** born-again Christians, whatever denomination they belong to – maybe people that we wouldn't dream were, or even could be, born-again. It is possible for a member of any denomination to be born again by the Holy Spirit of God – who are we to judge? God reads our hearts and He tells us not to judge because we don't know how to. We haven't yet learned to judge His way.

So, we don't have to do anything more to receive His glory – it was given to us when we committed our lives to Him – and we have been told the purpose for it being given. As we read the rest of that verse we see that it says:

YOU MAY ALSO BE GLAD WITH EXCEEDING JOY. IF YOU ARE REPROACHED FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST, BLESSED ARE YOU, FOR THE **SPIRIT OF GLORY** AND OF GOD RESTS UPON YOU.” That's one of the names of the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Glory!

GLORY AND FAITH GO HAND-IN-HAND.

Like everything else in the Christian life, it happens by faith. We receive our salvation by faith. We receive our healing by faith. Every step we take is by faith. This is just another step. Like the woman with the issue of blood: her faith and Jesus's glory worked together for her sickness to be changed to health.

Only one thing is sure – we won't see God's glory if we don't activate it. Therefore, the opposite is also true – if we apply God's glory to all the bad, negative things, we will see a turn around and the bad, negative things will become good, positive things. The nature-changing power of God's love.

If you don't believe us, just try it and see. Just believe – that's all Martha had to do.

God bless you all as you take this step into another new and wonderful facet of His love and power – and we promise you – you **will** see amazing results.

I trust you can see that the glorious gospel of Christ (which is John 3 v 16) is not the same as the gospel of the glory of Christ (which is 2 Cor 4 v 4.) The first is the good news of Jesus as Saviour of the world and the second is the good news of the glory of Jesus.

Let's not be negative though – we have been given the glory – all we have to do is activate it. Our prayer is “Thank you Jesus for giving me Your glory: I now use Your glory to change my flesh from strong to weak and my spirit from weak to strong.” (That's a good start.)

We need to use the glory to burn out the yeasts from ourselves (but it might take fasting as well as prayer).

As we have seen, we can use the glory to change ourselves, to change others (it works without permission), to improve our marriages, to keep our children on the right path – in fact to do anything that glorifies the Lord.

We can even use the glory to change Prime Ministers, Presidents, Members of Parliament, etc so that they make decisions that will give glory to God.

We can use the glory we have been given to change our unsaved relations' unbelief to belief – and claim their salvation in the name of Jesus. The nature of their unbelief will be changed by the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, what about our precious Holy Spirit in all this? In Acts 1 v 8 Jesus says “BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU;” That power is the power that changes the nature of things according to God's love.

In 1 Peter 4 v 13-14 it says “BUT REJOICE TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU PARTAKE OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS, THAT WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED,

“..... THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME AND THAT YOU LOVE THEM AS YOU LOVE ME”.

Our Lord understands and knows how devoid we are of the ability to get the message across. He knows our frailty and our selfishness. He is totally aware of our shortcomings, yet within all this He has provided PERFECT UNITY for us to live in, to accomplish His best. His best is for the world to know and for us to tell them.

CHAPTER 2

A PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED

Habukkuk 2 v 14 says “FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH **THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA**”.

Sometimes we think of this verse as saying what the well-known hymn says - that the earth will be filled with the glory of God - but the earth is **already** filled with the glory of God, and has been, ever since creation. Just look at a flower or a blade of grass – or the human being next to you who is made in the image of God. We don't have to look very far to see the glory of God; but the people in the world don't see, they deny it and would rather call it “mother nature”.

When this prophecy is fulfilled, the whole world will **know**, they will have the knowledge, they will be unable to deny it because they will see God's glory in our faces, shining or not.

So the next question is: how could Jesus consider us worthy to receive God's glory? As far as Jesus is concerned, **every** born-again Christian is greater than John the Baptist. Matthew 11 v 11 says: “**ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, AMONG THOSE BORN OF WOMEN THERE HAS NOT RISEN ONE GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST; BUT HE WHO IS LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS GREATER THAN HE.**”

cigarette for 25 years”. Where is the glory or the credit that belongs to God in that?

I recall at a point in my life when I committed a serious sin, I said to God “Why did You let me fall into that?” He replied “So that you can't look at others in the same situation and judge them.” We obviously have not learnt how to judge yet, the way God does. But we know that one day He will teach us how to judge because the Bible says that one day we will judge angels.

So, there will be a time when we will be in a position to judge but until then, we will be judged by our own hard-hearted pronouncements.

(Hard-heartedness is one of the items in the list of things we need to repent of that don't readily come to mind, that are mentioned in our book “Revival Now”. The wonderful thing about true repentance is that it produces beautiful fruit.)

So, to recap: how can we burn out these yeasts, which are the underlying cause for so much of, or perhaps all of our troubles in the church. Answer: use the glory Jesus has given us. We have already seen that the glory was given to make us one – unity is so important to Him – after all we are His body. We all know that if the co-ordination of our body is out, it gives us terrible problems.

It's the same for Christ's body – every part; bone, muscle and tendon need to be working together, not pulling in opposite directions. At the moment, it seems the body of Christ is so fragmented it couldn't hold out a bowl of soup to a starving man without dropping it.

CHAPTER 9

HOW TO BURN THEM OUT

The reality is, sadly, that the church is, and always has been, full of these yeasts (of the Pharisees, the Saducees & the Herodians) - they are in about 99.9% of us, and they cause us to be judgemental, unbelievers and killers.

Matthew 7 v 1 & 2 says JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED. FOR WITH WHAT JUDGEMENT YOU JUDGE, YOU WILL BE JUDGED; AND WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED BACK TO YOU.

Verse 5 says HYPOCRITE! FIRST REMOVE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO REMOVE THE SPECK FROM YOUR BROTHER'S EYE.

We are so aware of our Lord's injunction about not judging and yet, like with so much of our sin, the harder we try to overcome the problem, the more it seems to dominate our Christian walk. Try as we might, we all fall short of our Lord's best.

We know that we cannot deal with the sin ourselves and that we have to ask the Holy Spirit to be the changer of our lives. That way, all the glory belongs to Father God. But how often do we hear things like: "I haven't smoked a

That verse says that John was the top man, the best of the bunch; greater even than Moses, Abraham, Isaiah, David, Solomon, etc, yet **you**, even if you are the least in the kingdom of heaven, are greater than John the Baptist! Wow! God allowed His glory to shine from the face of the lesser man (Moses), therefore how much more will God make **your** face to shine for the benefit of His kingdom?

Then we ask: when was God's glory released? 2 Cor 3 v 16 says: "NEVERTHELESS, WHEN ONE TURNS TO THE LORD THE VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY". Who could have imagined the mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit – this modern day Pentecost so lavishly bestowed? Yet our generous God and Father has already given us more than we can accommodate in our thinking. He rent the veil in two from the top to the bottom, to release His glory. The glory no longer resides only in the inner sanctuary in the temple made with hands. The glory now resides, as the Holy Spirit resides, in the temples of the body of Christ. Born-again Christians are temples of the Holy Spirit meant for the shining forth of "the light of the good news of the glory of Christ" (2 Cor 4 v 4).

Is this really so "out in space" as to seem absolutely ridiculous? It may certainly appear to be that way. There is something preventing the glory from shining forth in the way we have described and in this book we hope to not only show how the glory works, but how it is 'switched on' and also what has got in the way to prevent us from functioning in it.

We, along with many others, believe that the body of Christ is on the threshold of a new, bigger and greater out-

pouring and manifestation of His glory than ever before.

Jesus said to those committed to Him: “ALL THESE THINGS AND GREATER THINGS WILL YOU DO”. The glory has been given to enable this prophecy to be fulfilled.

This ‘knowledge of the glory of God’ is so BIG and so VAST and the little bit He has shown us so far is so TINY that we know there is SO MUCH more to be revealed. At the moment it is just ‘lapping at our ankles’ – but even this small amount is so exciting, we believe we couldn’t cope with knowing it all at once.

All praise to the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we look deeper into these things we find we have to be prepared to love and accept the unlovable: the homosexual, the child abuser, the pornographer, the junkie, the alcoholic, etc – while hating the sin.

As we look at and talk to these people, we are so aware that our gracious and loving Daddy loves them to bits and that our Lord Jesus Christ died for them too, whether they accept Him or not.

no law but the law of the Spirit which has set us free from the law of sin and death (Rom 8 v 2).

Many of us seem to function partly in freedom and partly in the Spirit: partly how we think we ought to be, striving to keep on the narrow way, but we seem to keep falling off. The problem seems to be our ignorance of just what has been provided and our lack of awareness of our **real** freedom in Christ.

There are literally thousands of Christians who are born-again but won't attend a church service. Many of these are folk who have been hurt by Christians. Sadly, many have come to the place where they have broken their church's conduct codes, written or not.

It is a sad aspect of church life that so many of us, in fact most of us, have the yeasts - and out of our feeling of 'superiority' think we can pronounce judgement on another human being who is made in the likeness of God. Put like that we're sure everyone will agree that that is a **terrible** thing to do.

We must not judge. Our attitudes need changing - by the glory. We need to be humble. We must not gossip - only forgive and love each other. We need to ask ourselves the question 'how do other people see us?' (Both the saved and the unsaved.) Are we seen as loving and forgiving people who make allowances for each other's mistakes? Do others see Jesus in us or do they see some self-righteous, critical, judgmental, gossiping busybody? Do we 'bend' the truth? Do we change the intonation of something when repeating it to make someone else look bad and us look good?

CHAPTER 3

“WHAT IS THE GLORY?”

How do we define God's glory? The best way we can describe the glory is to call it **THE NATURE-CHANGING POWER OF GOD'S LOVE**. God is love, and His love changes the nature of things by the power of the Holy Spirit. In order to prove this statement, let's look at two instances in the Bible where Jesus manifested His glory. The first occasion is at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

The wine had all gone and there was a potential very embarrassing situation for the bridegroom. Mary knew that Jesus would have an answer so she said to him "They have no wine". Jesus showed quite plainly by His answer that He really didn't want to do anything about it, yet His mother put Him on the spot by telling the servants to do whatever He said. The result was 150 gallons of the best wine. John 2 v 11 says "**THE BEGINNING OF SIGNS JESUS DID IN CANA OF GALILEE AND MANIFESTED HIS GLORY AND HIS DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIM.**"

Jesus actually manifested - demonstrated - revealed - showed His glory. Jesus demonstrated that His glory was more than just a term or expression. He demonstrated that the glory had the power to change one substance into another totally different substance. Notice the scripture does NOT say He spoke words like "Water, be turned into wine". The scripture says "He manifested His glory".

We all know that wine cannot be made in a few seconds – it takes a few years to make a good wine – and this was the best. The nature-changing power of God’s love was activated. Jesus had compassion for the bridegroom and so saved him from some considerable embarrassment.

Now, let’s think about the result. What was the result of Jesus’s glory being manifested? It says “His disciples believed in Him”. The result accomplished was the one needed at the time – Jesus needed His disciples to believe in Him so that He could begin His ministry.

Another instance is in John 11 where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Although Martha must have desperately wanted Jesus to bring her brother back, she talked about the fact that he had been dead for four days and there was a stench. Jesus’s reply was not at all what she would have expected to hear: John 11 v 40 says “JESUS SAID TO HER DID I NOT SAY TO YOU THAT IF YOU WOULD BELIEVE YOU WOULD SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?” Jesus is clearly stating here that the ‘nature-changing power of God’s love’ is the substance by which He is going to do the job.

Now let’s look for the result of this manifestation of His glory. In verse 45 it says “THEN MANY OF THE JEWS WHO HAD COME TO MARY AND HAD SEEN THE THINGS JESUS DID BELIEVED IN HIM.” They didn’t just know, or have knowledge of the glory, they **saw** the glory, because it had been activated. They actually saw the glory for themselves.

We tend to think of the glory as something which is insubstantial, ethereal or ‘un-get-hold-of-able’, but in the same

WHO BECOMES CIRCUMCISED THAT HE IS A DEBTOR TO KEEP THE WHOLE LAW.”

Paul seems to have had a re-think about all of this, for in a much earlier time he had caused Timothy to be circumcised. In Galatians 2 v 10 Paul says “THEY DESIRED ONLY THAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER THE POOR, THE VERY THING WHICH I ALSO WAS EAGER TO DO.” Notice there’s no mention now of blood or not drinking it.

It’s just like those two synagogues in Philadelphia, USA. Man’s need for parameters causes this desire to have the tramlines laid out for all to see, but it brings with it the yeasts of the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Herodians.

I remember, many years ago, preaching on the Holy Spirit and His gifts in a very strict meeting. It was too much – and we were asked to leave the fellowship. At that point, the Lord gave me this scripture: Galatians 5 v 1 (Amp) **IN THIS FREEDOM CHRIST HAS MADE US FREE AND COMPLETELY LIBERATED US. STAND FAST THEN AND DO NOT BE HAMPERED AND HELD (ENSNARED) AND SUBMIT AGAIN TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY WHICH YOU HAVE ONCE PUT OFF.**

That next Sunday we were free, so what did we do? Went around looking for another what we called ‘spiritual home’ – and ended up in one of the major denominations with just rules, rules and more rules!

Our spiritual home is heaven and there, we will have no rules – only love. Gal 5 v 23 says about the fruit of the Spirit – **AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.** There is

blood, or because we think of it as blood, and thinking is the same as doing - according to the Bible.

It is startlingly obvious that James is trying to bring everything back to Mosaic law. In what they have said about accepting the Gentiles with no law attached, they (or at least James), are just paying lip service to all that which seems to have been agreed.

Does it appear that we are making more of something than there really is? Well, let's look at the book of Galatians where Paul exhorts those who are being pushed back into law not to do so. Gal 2 v 11 - 13 says **NOW WHEN PETER HAD COME TO ANTIOCH, I WITHSTOOD HIM TO HIS FACE, BECAUSE HE WAS TO BE BLAMED; FOR BEFORE CERTAIN MEN CAME FROM JAMES, HE WOULD EAT WITH THE GENTILES; BUT WHEN THEY CAME, HE WITHDREW AND SEPARATED HIMSELF, FEARING THOSE WHO WERE OF THE CIRCUMCISION.** (Emphasis added.)

Here Paul tells Peter he is being two-faced and the reason is because 'certain men came from **James.**' Again, we see the yeasts pervading into the church, causing the Galatians to look at the rules instead of at the freedom.

It is very obvious from Paul's writings on meat offered to idols in 1 Cor 8 v 8 **BUT FOOD DOES NOT COMMEND US TO GOD; FOR NEITHER IF WE EAT ARE WE THE BETTER, NOR IF WE DO NOT EAT ARE WE THE WORSE.** In Galatians 5 verses 2 & 3 Paul said **"INDEED I, PAUL, SAY TO YOU THAT IF YOU BECOME CIRCUMCISED, CHRIST WILL PROFIT YOU NOTHING. AND I TESTIFY AGAIN TO EVERY MAN**

way that faith is a thing of substance (Hebrews 11 v 1), an evidential reality, so also is the glory, as we shall see in a later chapter.

We know that faith creates and is the very essence of creation and of course the glory would need to have faith coupled with it to work. Here we progress to a place where 'these things and greater things' becomes a reality. Of course, Jesus taught His disciples faith, and that must be our elementary education, but we don't stay in elementary or junior school - we go on into maturity.

Hebrews 6 v 1 & 2 says: **"THEREFORE, LEAVING THE DISCUSSION OF THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF CHRIST, LET US GO ON TO PERFECTION, NOT LAYING AGAIN THE FOUNDATION OF REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS AND OF FAITH TOWARD GOD, OF THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS, OF LAYING ON OF HANDS, OF RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND OF ETERNAL JUDGEMENT"**.

We are to mature into the progressively new things God wants for us and the glory is certainly an element of that which He requires us to move into. We need to have understanding in order to put glory and faith to work. We need to have the glory revealed to us in such a way as to make it a reality in our spirit-consciousness.

In the coming days, His glory will be more and more manifested out of a 'last days church' where any ineffectiveness will be changed to powerfulness by His glory and all held together by His unity. Amen.

So, His glory brings unity coupled with faith to make the

nature-changing power of God's love. (It can only work in love because God is love.)

God's glory can change anything. In the holy of holies it changed the air to something solid (2 Chron 7 v 2). Anyone trying to go in there could not go past the glory. We hear of people's experiences when they come to face with the glory and can't move.

In Exodus 33 v 18 Moses asks God to show him His glory. He clearly did not realise the awesome power that God's glory would radiate. But in verse 20 God tells him "YOU CANNOT SEE MY FACE; FOR NO MAN SHALL SEE ME, AND LIVE". So, in verse 22, as the Lord passed by, Moses was hidden in the cleft of a rock. Even then, His glory was so radiant we read that Moses' face shone and he had to put a veil over his face, even though he only saw the back of the Lord.

Since Jesus has clearly given us His glory – not just passed it by us – how much more does, or should this glory shine forth from us, the recipients?

The scripture is so strong about this. Moses had to put a veil over something that was fading away. We have had something like a 'nuclear reactor' switched on inside us – does it show? We have received His glory but have we learned how to activate it? Have we found the light switch?

It is like when we were born-again. Imagine it like being given a brand new BMW. We push it home – and in the morning we push it to work – and every day we push this heavy car around.

As we have seen, we are all blood-drinkers. The devil hates everything to do with the Christian way of life – but most of all he hates the blood covenant that we Christians enjoy. We know there is **tremendous** power in the blood of Jesus.

The cults, as a general rule, get rid of the sacrament and some, as we know, take it to extremes, denying themselves the life-sustaining blood transfusion. Yet Jesus made it so very plain – laid it on the line, so to speak. In John 6 v 53 – 56 He says: "MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU. WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY. FOR MY FLESH IS FOOD INDEED AND MY BLOOD IS DRINK INDEED. HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM."

This statement is just as shocking to us as it was to the disciples. IF ONLY Jesus has said something like "unless you eat this bread which is a symbol of My body and drink this wine which symbolises My blood". Then, we wouldn't have a problem. **But He didn't.**

Jesus could have said to the offended disciples "I'm sorry guys, let me explain this to you". But He didn't.

We really don't want to get involved in this argument, but we need to make the point that, according to what Jesus Himself said, we are outside the law because we drink

CHAPTER 8

HOW DID THE YEASTS GET IN?

The New Testament graphically portrays how the yeasts came into the infant church. They did not creep in the back door, but entered openly, showing themselves in the guise of something good and to be desired.

We read in Acts 15 how the circumcision argument was raging. Then Peter's vision of the sheet being lowered and the Gentiles speaking in tongues, showing how God was not being partial to any race or creed. That's pretty refreshing isn't it? They were confounded by the argument and were silent.

Then in verse 13b, James (our Lord's brother, not an apostle), said "Men and brethren, listen to me:!" Then he said (verse 19) "THEREFORE I JUDGE THAT WE SHOULD" So James judges; James decides; not the Holy Spirit; not God; not Jesus.

This is James and he goes on to say (Acts 15 v & 20) ".....THAT WE WRITE TO THEM TO ABSTAIN FROM THINGS POLLUTED BY IDOLS, FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY, FROM THINGS STRANGLED, AND FROM BLOOD.

It all sounds pretty good – until you really think about it. It in fact gives this new baby church a massive problem.

Then one day, someone tells us about being baptised in the Holy Spirit, so we fill our BMW with Holy Spirit petrol – and now we drive around everywhere, so fast and easy. The Christian life is so tough – that is until we put the "tongues in our tanks".

Now, what will happen when we put God's **glory** 'wings' on our BMW?

THE GLORY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF ALL THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL INTO WORKS THAT GLORIFY GOD.

CHAPTER 4

THE MISSING ARMOUR

This glory that has been so magnanimously given is so much more than we could ever dream it to be. For instance it is part of our protection. We read in Ephesians 6 of the armour God has given to us for our protection. The helmet, the breastplate, the belt, the shoes, the sword and the shield. Six items – but does God work in sixes? No – He usually works in 7s – so is there another piece of armour somewhere?

Isaiah talks about fasting that pleases God and in chapter 58 starting at verse 6 we read “IS NOT THIS THE FAST THAT I HAVE CHOSEN: TO LOOSE THE BONDS OF WICKEDNESS, TO UNDO THE HEAVY BURDENS, TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE, AND THAT YOU BREAK EVERY YOKE? IS IT NOT TO SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY, AND THAT YOU BRING TO YOUR HOUSE THE POOR WHO ARE CAST OUT; WHEN YOU SEE THE NAKED, THAT YOU COVER HIM, AND NOT HIDE YOURSELF FROM YOUR OWN FLESH? Verse 8: **THEN YOUR LIGHT SHALL BREAK FORTH LIKE THE MORNING, YOUR HEALING SHALL SPRING FORTH SPEEDILY AND YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL GO BEFORE YOU AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE YOUR REARGUARD.**”

We are looking at glory as being a substance, as being more than just an intangible thing. Here the glory is

of praise, we can change our enemies into our friends, we can change judgementalism into love and acceptance, we can change those who gossip into those who love and speak only good of others; we can change those who criticise into people who only admire. **Any** negative quality can be changed to positive by the glory of the Lord.

We can use it to strengthen our marriages. Use the glory to change **you** into the person your husband/wife needs as a marriage partner. Pray it every day – and see the difference! Believe it and confess it. What we believe has to be confessed so that the powers and principalities hear and know.

There are six things in man/woman that need changing: our heart, our soul, our faith, our flesh, our mind and our spirit. We can use the glory to change all these to make us more like Jesus, the anointed One.

To the Corinthians Paul says “THEREFORE PURGE OUT THE OLD LEAVEN, THAT YOU MAY BE A NEW LUMP, SINCE YOU TRULY ARE UNLEAVENED. (1 Cor 5 v 7). So, how do we do this?

Yeast (or leaven) can only work in a narrow temperature band. It won't work below a certain temperature – and heat kills it.

Jesus says in Rev 3 v 15 & 16 “I KNOW YOUR WORKS, THAT YOU ARE NEITHER COLD NOR HOT. I COULD WISH YOU WERE COLD OR HOT. SO THEN, BECAUSE YOU ARE LUKE WARM, AND NEITHER COLD NOR HOT, I WILL VOMIT YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH”.

It is very apparent that Jesus is happy with cold Christians and delighted with hot ones - but woe betide the lukewarm Christian for they will be spat out. When we look at the condition of the church in our easy chair western society, how evident it is that there will be a ‘spewing out’.

So, what do we use to purge out the yeast? Answer: **God's glory**. The nature-changing power of God's love. The yeasts will be burned up as we begin to use and manifest God's glory in the way our Lord did. The nuclear fission will burn up all the three yeasts in the body of Christ as we in the body of Christ activate God's glory and use it to give glory to God by changing ourselves and others from our negative thoughts and ways into positive ones. Remember, it works without permission.

In love, we can change words of condemnation to words

shown as being just that. It is provided to be our rearguard – the rest of the armour goes on our front. You might ask why we should need a rearguard when surely we are moving forward in battle: the answer is that we are not fighting a brave enemy but a bulley who will sneak up behind us when we are not looking. Also sadly, we need to be protected from friendly fire.

Of course, Jesus had the glory as His rearguard. We see this activated in the life of our Lord when the woman with the issue of blood came up behind Him to touch the hem of His garment and be healed. (Matthew 9 v 20.) Instantly she was healed because in order to touch Jesus's cloak, she obviously had to go through **His** rearguard which was His glory. (Glory and faith go hand-in-hand.) This is the only account in the Bible of anyone being healed without permission – without either Jesus speaking or anyone else asking for healing. It is the ‘nature-changing power of God's love’ and on that occasion it changed sickness to health.

However, it is not only our personal rearguard but also that of the church corporately. Here is another example of the rearguard being breached – this time in the Old Testament – in Exodus 14 v 17. “SO I WILL GAIN GLORY OVER PHARAOH AND OVER ALL HIS ARMY. THEN THE EGYPTIANS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD WHEN I HAVE GAINED GLORY FOR MYSELF”

The Egyptians had to go through the rearguard (pillar of cloud/fire) which was set in place to protect the children of Israel and the Egyptians had to go through it to follow the Israelites across the (then) dry river bed. God's glory

changed their (the Egyptians') life to death – to glorify God and save His people. The nature-changing power of God's love.

Glory has the power to change any negative thing to its positive and it works without permission.

These are just some of the things you can use it to change: sickness to health, lack to abundance, death to life, unbelief to belief, enemies to friends, chains to weapons, 'I cannot' to 'I can', words of condemnation to words of praise, debt to credit, despair to hope, mourning to joy and shame to honour. It can change us from being rejected to being accepted, from being fruitless to being fruitful, from being condemned to being forgiven, from being a prisoner to being free and from being proud to being humble.

The Christian church is viewed by the world and other faiths as being a weak, sorry kind of a joke because we are told to 'turn the other cheek', and to give, give, give. We are told to love our enemies and to bless those who curse us, etc, etc. This is the exact opposite to the world's 'normality' - but with the church using God's glory, demonstrating it, activating it, "the world will (soon) be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea." Amen.

will make alliances with you to get what they want and if it doesn't go just their way, they will kill you (or even innocent little babies) to hold **their** place and power.

We all know about the Pharisees: keep the rules, be good, look to be doing the right thing in public. Jesus lays it all out in Matt 23 v 23 "WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES!"

This is all so shocking, but can these things actually be in the church?!! Yes, sadly, all of these yeasts are in the church – in the body of Christ. But you who are reading this, and we who are writing it, are in the church – does that mean some or all of the yeasts are in us? Sadly, the short answer is 'yes'. Surely we are all aware of our own shortcomings. Along with Paul, we have to say "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Rom 7 v 24.)

We are in serious trouble, and have been since the time of the apostles, because it was way back at the beginning when this brand new baby church began. Even at that point in time when most of the founding fathers got this thing up and running, they failed to heed our Lord's warning. It is in fact all there in the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

We shall see how the fundamental teachings of Christ are sometimes almost completely disregarded, leaving us with a church universal of hurting people, sometimes with more emphasis on the social gospel than the true gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ.

BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY, AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.

So what did our Lord warn us to be careful of? What is it that can spoil our new life in the Spirit? What is it that can rob us of the light of life that is stored up in us and is just bursting to get out to reveal the glory to this poor lost and dying world?

The foundational warning from the Lord Jesus was (Matt 16 v 6) "TAKE HEED AND BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES." In Mark 8 v 15 Jesus says "TAKE HEED, BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND THE LEAVEN OF HEROD." In Luke 12 v 1 Jesus says "BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES, WHICH IS HYPOCRISY."

Because these yeasts are in the church, the charge that the world always hurls at it of 'hypocrites' is sadly true. The church in fact is polluted by all of these three yeasts.

The Sadducee doesn't believe in the resurrection, or angels, or the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in miracles or in healings. He hardly believes in the new birth inspired at the moment of conversion. "I want to see the evidence of a changed life" is the doubting, Sadducee yeast. We all know many like this who refuse to believe unless they see, and even if they are shown, some still refuse to believe.

The yeast of Herod is political manouvering to hold onto his/her important position, their throne, etc. Herodians

CHAPTER 5

THE GOSPEL OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST

At present we are in the situation described in 2 Corinthians 4 v 3 & 4. "BUT EVEN IF OUR GOSPEL IS VEILED IT IS VEILED TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING, WHOSE MINDS THE GOD OF THIS AGE HAS BLINDED, WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, LEST THE LIGHT OF **THE GOSPEL OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST** SHOULD SHINE ON THEM."

This is the good news (the gospel) of what will get the job done at last. So far, the minds of the unsaved have been blinded to stop them believing. Now we are going to use the light of God's glory to illuminate and dispel the darkness. That's how the world is going to know, because they will **see** the glory, just as Martha and those Jews **saw** the demonstration of death being changed into life. The only difference is that this time, it will be the born-again Christians demonstrating the glory.

In Matthew 17 v 2 it says "AND HE (JESUS) WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM. HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN AND HIS CLOTHES BECAME AS WHITE AS THE LIGHT." We have been given this same glory! Yet, sadly, a large proportion of the church can be likened to a shop that is all set up and ready to trade but most of the time it keeps its doors closed. It seems that only a small percentage of the church is functioning at all.

There appears to be so few actually doing what Jesus told us to do. Praise God, using the glory can change all that – it is one of the most important ingredients: the nature-changing power of God’s love.

None of us could have the necessary resources but God has provided and at this time, is making known the ‘good news of the glory of Christ’ for this, the final harvest.

It seems we just can’t go too far with this wonderful gospel. (We would mention here that this gospel is nothing to do with the unsaved – John 3 v 16 is for them. This gospel is for the saved only.)

No matter how deeply we delve, there is always more, and more, and more. As we probe the mysteries we discover Rom 8 v 17 “.... IF WE ARE CHILDREN THEN WE ARE HEIRS – HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST, IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED TOGETHER.”

The suffering is like the wrapper on the gift – or the shell on the nut or the bitter peel on the fruit. It’s the part we have to endure in order to get to the good part. We have to participate in His sufferings. Many of us have gone through our own ‘valley of the shadow of death’ - not to come into our own glory but to share in the very same glory which is the Lord’s.

Scripture endorses this over and over again, in fact it is the whole of the mystery revealed in Col 1 v 27 “.... CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY”. That is not just a

CHAPTER 7

THE YEASTS

The organised church is such an easy target for criticism and there are many books pointing out all the faults, some of which suggest solutions, but usually these ‘solutions’ do not get to the root of the problem.

Having visited many churches of many denominations in many countries, we fail to see how the Lord Jesus could be a member of good standing in any one of them. He set a pattern for church life, kingdom life, body life – and we all seem to fail on almost every point.

There’s little point in adding a dozen or so more rules to correct the first rule that doesn’t seem to work. We have to look to the bedrock, to what our house is built on, in order to find any kind of answer.

Jesus never warned us to beware of the devil. Our Lord overcame the devil after the temptations in the wilderness Matt 4 v 1. At that point Jesus had no more trouble with the devil. In fact He made it very plain to us. John 12 v 31 says **NOW IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THIS WORLD; NOW THE RULER OF THIS WORLD WILL BE CAST OUT.**

He gave **us** authority over the devil.

Luke 10 v 18 says **AND HE SAID TO THEM, “I SAW SATAN FALL LIKE LIGHTNING FROM HEAVEN.**

much we have 'on board' is wrong teaching. How often do we hear preaching like "be good" and "be righteous" and "be holy". The only righteousness and holiness there can be in us, is that imputed to us by the Lord Jesus Christ. Any goodness that we could achieve of ourselves is self-righteousness and that is as filthy rags in God's sight. Isaiah 64 v 6.

I once said that **if** Mother Theresa of Calcutta did what she did for the sake of being good or because she thought it was a good idea (which, incidentally, I don't believe), it was no better than filthy rags. You see the point I am trying to make: Mother Theresa (although she was, in the eyes of the world, a good woman doing a marvellous work), she had no more righteousness than any other Christian, because the only righteousness we can boast of is that given to us by the Lord Jesus.

That is only a small picture of some of the things that prevent us from reaching the switch but we will now go on to enumerate exactly what they could be and how the glory will deal with them.

vague, 'wishy-washy' hope. This is a certain, sure hope, a faith-backed revelation, rhema word, a knowing hope. At the point of being born-again by the Holy Spirit of God, we instantly receive the Lord Jesus Christ, and His glory, in our hearts by faith. Christ in you the Hope of glory.

Luke 24 v 25 & 26 says "OUGHT NOT THE CHRIST TO HAVE SUFFERED THESE THINGS AND TO ENTER INTO HIS GLORY". Our Lord, by His atoning death has done most of the suffering. He has, by His death and resurrection, performed all that Father God required to bring each one of us into that unique place of sonship, that awesome place of participating in all that our beloved Lord Jesus went through.

If we are allowed to suffer, then our Father God just makes it part of our being changed from one degree of glory to another: and even if we do suffer, our Father works all things together for our good anyway. (Rom 8 v 28).

We read in Mark 10 v 29 & 30 that Jesus said "... THERE IS NO ONE WHO HAS LEFT HOUSE OR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FATHER OR MOTHER OR WIFE OR CHILDREN OR LANDS, FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S, WHO SHALL NOT RECEIVE A HUNDREDFOLD NOW IN THIS TIME – HOUSES AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND MOTHERS AND CHILDREN AND LANDS, **WITH PERSECUTIONS** – AND IN THE AGE TO COME, ETERNAL LIFE." In this country we don't very often hear about the suffering or the hardship; we are more likely to hear the gospel propounded as an answer to all our problems.

Much of the unseen church in China and Russia and the Islamic countries, suffers perpetually - and we hear of them growing rapidly. Could it be that suffering and persecution usher in God's glory (and therefore unity) and the result is church growth?

As we have already stated, we believe it is Christian unity (the reason the glory was given to us) that will cause all the other things to fall into place, but we must not be under any illusions as to the nature of the glory of God.

The glory will do the job for us without permission being given. The glory will illuminate. Light is the essence of the nuclear reaction which streams from the cauldron of the sun. Light is the essence which streams from the glorious Son. We must learn to not just use that light but be that same light which the glory gives, for a lost and dying world. That glory, which is the nature-changing power of God's love.

Acts 13 v 47 says "FOR SO THE LORD HAS COMMANDED US: 'I HAVE SET YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD BE FOR SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH' .

The body of Christ hardly functions in the way stated here but if God says He **has** charged us – **told** us to be a light, then surely it is incumbent upon Him to put everything in place to enable us to carry out His orders. What we are endeavouring to show is that God **has** put everything in place for us to simply move in what He has prepared.

In Genesis 1 v 3 God said LET THERE BE LIGHT; AND THERE WAS LIGHT. Ever since those words were spo-

life". Before the cross, any kind of blood was forbidden – how much more the blood of a man – and His flesh too. (Lev 7 v 26 & 27).

So we seem to be a bunch of law breakers. We drink a man's blood every time we take communion. I can hear some saying "but these are only a symbol of the real thing – not actually flesh and blood". I remember meeting a Roman Catholic gentleman once and reminding him that his church rings a bell at the point when they believe the elements actually change. His answer was "Here's a Bible – show me where it says it is not real blood and body". In the scriptures Jesus clearly says "this is My blood" and "this is My body", but like everything else in the Christian life, it is by faith.

By eating His body and drinking His blood, we have broken the Old Law – but we are living under the New Covenant. Jesus has given us a new law to live by which is Love. Christ is the end of the old Law—Romans 10 v 4.

I remember once picking up a hitch-hiker who was a Jew. He told me he came from Philadelphia, where the congregations of two synagogues had recognised Jesus as the Messiah. "Wow, that's **wonderful**" was my response.

"Well, it's not so wonderful actually" he replied. "They had all the Mosaic law already – and now they are trying to live by all the Christian law as well." What fulfils the law and the prophets? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Now we will discover and endeavour to deal with the fact that there are hindrances to just simply activating it. So

That seems almost too simple to be true. We live a life that is dominated by rules and the scriptures make it quite plain that we should abide by the rules and regulations of the country in which we live. However, the reality is that in this Kingdom we are a bunch of outlaws.

Galatians 4 v 31 says SO THEN BRETHREN, WE ARE NOT CHILDREN OF THE BONDWOMAN BUT OF THE FREE. Chapter 5 v 1 says STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBERTY BY WHICH CHRIST HAS MADE US FREE, AND DO NOT BE ENTANGLED AGAIN WITH A YOKE OF BONDAGE. Verse 18 says BUT IF YOU ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW.

We need the law to show us what sin is, but the good news is that our Lord Jesus is keeping the law for us. Hallelujah!

Having said that, He would have appeared to have cut across the Mosaic law many times. There are 613 observances in Judaism and our Lord did not seem to be too careful about the letter of the law. We know that the letter of the law kills but it is the Spirit that gives life (2 Cor 3 v 6) OUR SUFFICIENCY IS FROM GOD, WHO ALSO MADE US SUFFICIENT AS MINISTERS OF THE NEW COVENANT, NOT OF THE LETTER BUT OF THE SPIRIT; FOR THE LETTER KILLS, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE.

Jesus talked to a Samaritan woman and asked for a drink (a scandalous thing to do in those days). Jesus said "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal

ken there has been light, going on and on *ad infinitum*.

God's glory manifested as light; as a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud, amongst other things. The substance of light is the nuclear fission coming out of atoms that have virtually no substance. Light is simply the power spoken by God and being continually kept going by the "Word of His power". Hebrews 1 v 3 says WHO BEING THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY AND THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON, AND UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER

This glory is of the same essential ingredients as light and faith. This glory is of the same building blocks of this vast universe that bedecks space. The very cosmos declares the glory – this star-spangled glory. Psalm 19 v 1 says THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; AND THE FIRMAMENT SHOWS HIS HANDIWORK. It has all been given for you and us to do the job required. We don't have to work, work, work or run here, run there, do this, do that, hurry up, etc.

It's for us to shine out God's glory - to speak out God's glory. Remember the old children's chorus "Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light, like a little candle burning in the night". Well, our faces **will** shine, but not like a little candle – like a radiant star! Maybe one day we will also change the words of the well known song and sing "Shine, **Christian**, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory".

Once you have received the revelation of using God's glory that has been given to us, please ask the Holy Spirit to give the revelation to your brothers and sisters all over the world so that they can use it too.

Pray also that the world will see God's glory in all of us, come under conviction of sin and be saved. All glory be to Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth!

CHAPTER 6

HOW TO SWITCH IT ON

We need to know how to 'switch on' God's glory. We are beginning to understand that glory is light (or a similar substance to light) and light has to have power behind it. Although we cannot really switch it on and off, we need to know how we can activate God's glory. To be able to switch on a light in a house, a power station has to have made the power, and in the same way, the power of the sun makes light. So the power of the Lord is light. In fact GOD IS LIGHT AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL. (1 John 1 v 5). Therefore, light and glory are pretty well transposable.

Jesus didn't walk around shining like the sun all the time but when the time and place were right, He just switched it on in front of three of his men. We know that the glory contained in the Ark of the Covenant struck a man dead who touched it, and we know the Philistines got cancers from just being near it. It's the same awesome power base.

So, in order to switch on the glory we need to know where the switch is. Well, it is found in Matt 7 v 12. SO THEN WHATEVER YOU DESIRE THAT OTHERS WOULD DO TO AND FOR YOU, EVEN SO DO ALSO TO AND FOR THEM, FOR THIS IS (SUMS UP) THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS (Amp).