Romans 8:30 Glorified

INTRO

Good evening. Pastor Rob asked me to teach tonight in depth on a section of the book of Romans

The message gets its title of "GLORIFIED" from Romans 8:30. Romans chapter 8 verse 30 is our verse tonight, it will be on the screen.

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Do you see what Paul is saying? Paul is saying there ALREADY IS GLORY IN the Romans and in him, and it will be revealed later!

So what is this Paul is telling the Romans? Well we see a hint in verse 18, before verse 30, Paul says that, For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

At some time, the glory that is in the Romans WILL BE REVEALED!!!!
That means the glory is ALREADY INSIDE THEM and will just be REVEALED later!

Paul goes on to tell the Roman believers that all creation, the earth, moon and stars all eagerly await this glory being revealed! See it there on the screen in the very next verse, Romans 8:19!

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God

I remember one Christmas when my son was about 5 and my daughter was 7. My wife had taken them shopping for "dad" and they were sworn to frequency about this present they bought and wrapped for me and my wife told them how much I would love the present. Oh wow was she ever right, this was something I

really wanted! The kids were super excited and so they were hyped up with anticipation of watching me open this present and have fun with the present! On Christmas morning, they were squealing, jumping up and down and just besides themselves giving me the unopened present.

Now I was thinking maybe it was a shirt, or a tie or something like that, little did I know it was a model train engine and tracks that it was my wife encouraging me to play with trains again! I love model trains and she knew it, and the kids anticipated it and eagerly waited. Now I knew it was a present, but I just had no idea how great it was! It was life changing as I set up a train layout and then my son and I built a huge multilevel multi-track system and had so much fun together for years!

So that is the picture of what it is like. ALL of creation KNOWS how awesome is the glory ALREADY HIDDEN IN ME, like the present wrapped in a box on my lap, and yet I know it is a present and I WILL get to open it and enjoy it, but I have NO IDEA HOW AMAZING IT IS!!!!

Now the GLORY in us is like that present, only on steroids, well even more than that, we cannot even compare ANYTHING we know to that glory. OK PAUL is writing to Romans who were being persecuted, marched into the colosseum to be attacked and ripped apart by hungry lions! And Paul told them in this verse that is still on the screen, Romans 8:18 that the present suffering was not even comparable to how great the glory would be that IS IN US and WILL BE REVEALED!

So tonight let's look at what this means and the implications and then together we will sing a closing worship song that is our confession to God of the understanding of the meaning of this verse and its application to our lives as we worship Him together and pray this in to our lives.

So the first thing we want to look at is what does this NOT MEAN! It does not mean we are sinlessly perfect!!! Whole denominations are built on this false idea and the Bible CLEARLY tells believers they can NEVER be sinless! On the screen will be 1 John 1:18. Notice what John writes to BELEIVERS!!!!!

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

So how many of us sinned today? (I raise my hand.) Yes we all sin and we know it. Having been glorified does NOT mean we do not sin!!! And then what do we do?? NEXT VERSE 1 John 1:9 I have heard this called the Christian bar of soap!

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

You see when we accepted Christ as our Savior ALL OUR SINS WERE PAID FOR. This verse is talking about restoring fellowship. These are all believers John is writing to and believers sin and then admit that sin that what confess is, and then we THANK HIM for restoring our fellowship! AND just in case NOW after confessing the sin we think NOW FINALLY I will be sinless, look at verse 10, the very next verse: If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

So being GLORIFIED DO NOT MEAN we are sinless, then what DOES it mean? Let's look again at Romans 8:30, it will be on the screen Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Let's go through the verse slowly and see the flow and meaning of each part.

First see how it says **Moreover whom He predestined** So what does this predestined
mean? The verse BEFORE is helpful. Look at
verse 29:

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

So whom God knew beforehand the choices they would make, He predestined!!! In fact when Paul writes the Ephesian he said that we were chosen even the world was created!!!

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, Ephesians 1:4

Notice this is because of His love!

One of the best know verses in the Bible also shows His motivation toward us is LOVE John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

So God's LOVE for the Romans comes first.
Then He PREDESTINED the Romans, and then it says next in verse 30 that He CALLED the Romans Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

He HAS a plan and He seeks us and pursues us and waits for us. For some of us that call came in a Sunday school class, others it took years of hard things before we would turn to us. God is the good shepherd and he seeks to save that which is lost. Jesus says just that in Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Apostle John gives some additional insight on how this works in 1 John 4:19

We love Him because He first loved us.

OK so Romans 8:30 we have Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

So first in His love He predestined the Romans, and then He pursued the Romans, called the Romans, found these Romans.

What happens next in Romans 8:30? It says He then justified these Romans. What is that about, it is about Salvation, being saved,

having the blood of Jesus wash away their sins, just as if they had never sinned!

How are these Romans justified, how are they saved, Paul spelled it out for the Ephesian this way: Eph 2:8,9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

So let's review Romans 8:30

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified

So first out of His love He predestined us, Then He called us, He pursued us He found us, Then He justified us, He saved us by GRACE AND NOW, He glorified us. His grace is all over this process and now His grace will NEVER FAIL US. We ARE already glorified, and it is just waiting to be revealed and IT WILL BE REVEALED in Heaven.

So we can sing, we can rejoice, we can walk through the trials of life, the sufferings, the sicknesses the losses and more BECAUSE we KNOW that He has done all this for us and we will sing in Heaven one day!!!!

And what will it be like in Heaven? What will we sing?

Let's look at Revelation 4 where John wrote down as best he could what Heaven looked like when he was given an opportunity to see Heaven.

Revelation 4:2

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

And then verse 3

And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

And verse 4

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

And also verse 5

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

How do you even describe this amazing sight??? One songwriter put it this way, "The fearless light of glory" I like that the glory is fully revealed and it is intense, lightnings, seven lamps emerald, rainbow. Wow!!!

So the glory that is IN the Romans, and the glory of Heaven all combine into a fierce light of glory. Amazing it is!!!1

And then what is sung, look at Revelation 4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within and they do not rest day or night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

So they sing a Holy, Holy, Holy a three fold Holy.

Let's Just look at Romans 8:30 once more now:

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

AND the FACT that all this is TRUE for us allows us to go right through ANYTHING that comes our way! We can sing, we can rejoice, and what do we sing, Holy Holy Holy, as it is in Heaven so let it BE! Just like Jesus taught the disciples to pray "..Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.,

I want us to close tonight with a song we will song to Him together to pray and worship this message into the depths of our soul. We are going to look through the words of the closing song and I will explain how the words relate to our message tonight.

Then we will play a video of the song being sung by hillsong worship band while the words come on the screen. We can all, even the worship band here, sit or stand or kneel and worship Jesus as we pray this truth that we ARE GLORIFIED into our hearts.

So first, let's look through the words together.

First slide:

Whether now or then
Death is not my end
I know Heaven waits for me

Here is the expression that this life is NOT all there is, we are made for and are going to Heaven. Death is NOT THE END.

Though the road seems long
I'll never walk alone
And I got all I need to sing
Even though it seems long, He is always with
us, in fact IN US as we go.
AND I have all I need to sing, and then what is it
that I need to sing? Here it is; next slide

I know You love me
I know You found me
I know You saved me
And Your grace will never fail me

Look familiar? Another way to say romans 8:30 First He loves me, God so loved the world, He knew me and predestined and then call me or found me, then he saved me, all by His grace, AND He has glorified me, I am for sure going to Heaven, in fact...next slide

And while I'm waiting I'm not waiting I know Heaven lives in me

Did you catch that? We ARE waiting for Heaven, but in a way we are NOT WIATING, because we ARE GLORIFIED, that is HEAVEN LIVES IN ME. The Godhead lives in me and I am glorified already, it is just waiting to be revealed.

Should I suffer long This is not my home I know Heaven waits for me

AGAIN suffering will happen, even could be long, remember in Romans 8 tonight the context of us being glorified is that we WILL SUFFER and that suffering is not to be compared to the amazing glory in Heaven that already lives in me!

And though the night is dark Heaven owns my heart And I got all I need to sing

You see again here the darkness that we experience here on earth, the suffering, I can remember I AM GLORIFIED, or Heaven owns my heart AND I have ALL I NEED TO SING, that is come back to the truth of His love and grace for us. Next slide

I know You love me
I know You found me
I know You saved me
And Your grace will never fail me

AND that fact that we are glorified sustains us while we are waiting, cause we are not waiting really, it is already true in us Romans 8:30

And while I'm waiting
I'm not waiting
I know Heaven lives in me

Now the song describes the singing what it will be like.

So I will sing like I will there In the fearless light of glory Where the darkness cannot find me And Your face is all I see

Oh I will sing like a man
With no sickness in my body
Like no prison walls can hold me
I will sing like I am free

See the singing we do NOW is like the singing we WILL DO in THE FIERCE LIGHT OF GLORY. Where is that HEAVEN!! And notice the darkness cannot find me. TEHRE IS NO

DARKNESS IN HEAVEN. No temptation, no sin, no darkness at all, in fact it is ALWAYS DAY, THERE IS NO NIGHT.

And our singing now is like I am not sick, I will never die, I am not imprisoned by anything or any person, no prison walls can hold me, I AM FREE. Like Paul said "none of these things move me.." Like we read in Romans 8 no amount of suffering will be comparable. I can sing now, why???

'Cause I know You love me
I know You found me
I know You saved me
And Your grace will never fail me
And while I'm waiting
I'm not waiting
I know Heaven lives in me
I know You love me
I know You found me
I know You saved me
And Your grace will never fail me
And while I'm waiting
I'm not waiting
I know Heaven lives in me

And this glorious truth of how we can walk our life today and sing like in Heaven is repeated:

So I will sing like I will there In the fearless light of glory Where the darkness cannot find me And Your face is all I see

Oh I will sing like a man
With no sickness in my body
Like no prison walls can hold me
I will sing like I am free
And again, why can I sing like this??

'Cause I know You love me
I know You found me
I know You saved me
And Your grace will never fail me
And while I'm waiting
Oh I'm not waiting
I know Heaven lives in me

NOW WHAT Will I SING? This is our personal song. Next slide:

I'll sing Holy, Holy My heart, cries Holy As it is, in Heaven It is in me I'll sing Holy, Holy My heart, cries Holy As it is, in Heaven It is in me

YES our song will be like we saw in Revelation HOLY HOLY HOLY That is our song in Heaven. And that is what is in our heart now each of us as we realize we are loved and found and saved and assured of His grace never failing, we ARE GLORIFIED!!

Next the lead singer invites all to sing together and then describes how WE will sing as a group

We'll sing Holy, Holy The earth, cries Holy As it is, in Heaven So let it be We'll sing Holy, Holy The earth, cries Holy As it is, in Heaven So let it be We'll sing Holy, Holy The earth, cries Holy As it is, in Heaven So let it be We'll sing Holy, Holy The earth, cries Holy As it is, in Heaven So let it be

We together cry out, the whole earth cries out, remember we red creation groans, here the songwriter is reminding us that the whole earth will cry out with us in great rejoicing and ascribing praise to God. Just like Jesus taught us to pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We are singing to let that be so and it will be so when we get there and the seed of that final state is IN US NOW BECAUSE WE ARE GLORIFIED.

So let us sing this song together to Him, the words will be on the screen and then I will close in prayer.

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