

**ONE GLORY**  
**The Glory We Were Made For**

Christ in You • The Hope of Glory

# GLORY

The invisible reality of God made visible.

## The Colossians Arc

**CREATED**  
for glory

**FRACTURED**  
by sin

**RESTORED**  
in Christ

**REVEALED**  
through us

**FULFILLED**  
in all things

**Glory is the invisible reality of God made visible.**

A working biblical definition

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## 1. Everything Was Created for His Glory

“All things were created through him and for him... and in him all things hold together.”

**Colossians 1:16–17 (ESV)**

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## One Gospel. Two Scales.

### **METANARRATIVE (MACRO)**

Creation  
Nations  
Covenant  
Messiah  
Redeemed nations  
Restored creation

### **MY NARRATIVE (MICRO)**

Image-bearer  
Broken desires  
Redeemed person  
Renewed image  
Redeemed particularity  
Glory through a life

**Creation was not merely made BY Christ.**

It was made FOR Christ.

## The Glory-Bearing Vocation

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

**Colossians 1:15 (ESV)**

THE INVISIBLE GOD MADE VISIBLE

## **2. Sin Fractured What God Created for Glory**

**Fall → Fracture → Nations → Covenant → Messiah**

Genesis 3–12: God does not abandon humanity.  
He begins the long work of redemption.

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**METANARRATIVE (Macro): Humanity fractured and the nations scattered.**

MY NARRATIVE (Micro): The image remains, but our desires become disordered.

**“Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.”**

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### **3. Christ Is Redeeming Everything for His Glory**

“Through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

**Colossians 1:20 (ESV)**

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## The Mystery Reaches the Nations

“God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

**Colossians 1:27 (ESV)**

## **Disinherited → Redeemed**

**The nations are not forgotten.  
In our Messiah, they are reclaimed.**

The mystery is now made known among the nations.

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## The Image Is Being Restored

“[You] have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator... Christ is all, and in all.”

**Colossians 3:10–11 (ESV)**

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**THE CRACK  
ISN'T THE GLORY.**

**The redemption is.**

God's glory shines through what the  
Restorer redeems.

**What God is doing HERE...**

...is what He is doing THERE. Same Restorer. Different scale.

## Redemption Does Not Crush Desire

“Seek the things that are above, where Christ is...”

“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you... evil desire...”

**Colossians 3:1, 5 (ESV)**

NOT THE DEATH OF DESIRE • THE REDEMPTION OF DESIRE

**“We are far too easily pleased.”**

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## **Grammar Becomes Poetry**

**Discipline → Desire**  
**Obedience → Delight**  
**Practice → Joy**

Lewis' schoolboy learns the grammar first; eventually he can enter the beauty of the poetry.

## Redeemed Particularity

### THE PERSON

God does not redeem you by making you generic.

Your gifts, desires, story and personality are renewed toward Christ.

### THE NATIONS

God does not redeem the nations by erasing distinction.

Every tribe, language, people and nation gathers around one Lamb.

## 4. Everything Redeemed Will Reveal His Glory

“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

**Colossians 3:4 (ESV)**

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“By your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

**Revelation 5:9 (ESV)**

“A great multitude... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”

**Revelation 7:9 (ESV)**

**Babel is not redeemed by making everyone the same.**

Many languages. One Lamb.  
Many nations. One King.

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“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the  
LORD as the waters cover the sea.”

**Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)**

## **The Story of Glory**

**Creation: glory displayed**

**Humanity: glory imaged**

**Fall: glory distorted**

**Christ: glory embodied**

**Person & nations: glory restored**

**New Creation: glory fills everything**

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**Many Nations. One King.  
Many People. One Body.  
Many Stories. One Redeemer.  
Many Expressions. One Glory.**

**How does God fill the earth with His glory?**

One redeemed life at a time.

**What does God want the world to see of Himself through  
your redeemed life?**

Your desires • gifts • wounds • relationships • story

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# CHRIST IN YOU ALL

THE HOPE OF GLORY