

The Weight Of Glory

The Hebrew word for glory means “that which is heavy or weighty.” When used figuratively, it refers to God’s intense, profound presence, His sheer weight.

Numbers 14:21 (ESV)

But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)

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

Exodus 14:13-18 (ESV)

And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

God is glorified in drowning our slave masters.

Sin is a slave master.

John 8:34 (ESV)

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.”

The Gospel is good news because it promises a just retribution against the perpetrators of injustice.

God is glorified in washing away our sins.

Genesis 6:7 (ESV)

So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."

Psalms 51:1-2 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

1 Peter 3:21-22 (ESV)

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The Gospel is good news because it not only pays our debt but it also washes away our guilt.

God is glorified in guiding our steps

Romans 6:1-7 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

The Gospel is good news because through it we learn how to walk on water.

Sing of the weight of God's glory!

Exodus 15:1-2 (ESV)

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.