

## God's Glory

Intro: In a class I attended a couple of weeks ago, the importance of this concept was brought to my attention. When we think of the term “glory”, we often use it negatively by saying, “He’s trying to get all the glory”. From a positive perspective, we need to be reminded of how the term is used in relation to God. We do need to “give God the glory”, but we also should remember it is not needed to sustain his existence. He has glory already.

1. Moses chronicled God’s glory in Israel’s escape from Egypt. Exodus 15:1-11
2. His glory was visible on Mount Sinai. Exodus 24:16-18
3. Again, Moses witnesses a physical manifestation of God’s glory. Exod. 33:17
4. The existence of the physical universe declares God’s glory. Psalm 19:1
5. Jesus is the greatest manifestation of God’s glory. Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:14;13:31-2; 17:1-4; Philippians 2:8-11; 2 Corinthians 4:3-7
6. We recognize God’s glory:
  - A. When we “bear fruit”. John 15:8
  - B. When we “let our light shine before men”. Matthew 5:13-16
  - C. When we acknowledge him in what we do. 1 Corinthians 10:31
7. At the end of our faithful lives, we will be “received into glory”. Psm, 73:24; Romans 2:6-11

Conclusion: As we close, let us think again of the words found in Romans 3:23: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We usually think hard on “all have sinned”, but maybe we can be more insightful into what it means to “fall short of the glory of God”. If time allows, see Romans 1:18, 23, 25.