

Christ is the Mystery no. 16

Christ in you the Hope of Glory

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Let's open our Bibles this evening to

52 Now, I want you to turn to the Book of **Colossians**, the **1st chapter of Colossians**. And then, while we read this, beginning with... I want you, when you go home, to read the entire chapter of these Colossians. But I want you to read this morning with me from the **15th verse, 29th inclusive**. And now, just be as patient as you can, for I feel that in this here, if God will help me, will reveal and bring into your mind all these other things that I have talked on all through the days of the Tabernacle: why I have said what I've said, and why I have done what I have done. This is why.

Now, from the 15th verse... *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible... invisible, whether they be thrones,... dominions,... principalities,... powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should be all fulness dwell;--should all fulness dwell;... (Let me put a little emphasis on that again--this 19th verse.) For it pleased the Father that in **him** should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself, by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven... (Watch where that reconciliation went.) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, you now has he reconciled. In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy... unblameable... unreprouvable** in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and not be moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now **rejoice in my sufferings for you**, and fill up that which is bound--behind of the afflictions of Christ in... flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God; Even the mystery which has been hidden from age and from generation, but now is made manifest to his saints:... (And I want to read that verse again.)... **Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to the working, which worketh in me mightily.***

Now, for the next two days, I would like to look at two things Paul spoke of here in this 1st Chapter of Colossians, and what so caught the eye and heart of William Branham prophet of God.

- 1) For starters, Brother Branham read from verse **15**, speaking of Jesus Christ he said, *“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature”*.

Now, when Paul says the first born of every creature, he is not calling him the first born of the horses and the first born of the giraffes etc. But the creatures Paul speaks of are the “new creation”, the born again sons and daughters of God.

The Greek word here was “ktisis”, and the first time it is found in Scripture was used by Jesus in **Mark 10: 6** where Jesus says, *But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female.*

And so God is not so concerned with the horses and giraffes, and other creatures. He is concerned with his children fashioned in His own image, *“male and female created he them.”* **Genesis 1:26.**

- 2) Now, the second thought from Brother Branham and of course from the Apostle Paul that I wish to look at over the next couple days is the words, *“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

Therefore, I would like to take this last thought first and the first thought last.

I have Bible for that you know, Jesus said *the first shall be last and the last shall be first.*

So this evening we are going to look at this thought *“which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”*. Then tomorrow we will look at the first thought he spoke which is *“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature”*. So tomorrow we will look at just what is *the image of the invisible God*, because after all the word *image* and *invisible* are not comprehended well together.

1. *A reproduction of the form of a person or an object, especially a sculptured likeness.* **2.** *Physics An optically formed duplicate, counterpart, or other representative reproduction of an object, especially an optical reproduction of an object formed by a lens or mirror.* **3.** *One that closely or exactly resembles another; a double: He is the image of his uncle.* **b.** *The character projected to the public, as by a person or an institution, especially as interpreted by the mass media.* **5.** *A personification of something specified: That child is the image of good health.*

Now, let’s look at this definition we just read concerning the word image, with the word invisible. Which means: **1.** *Impossible to see; not visible:* **2.** *Not accessible to view; hidden:* **3.** *Not easily noticed or detected; inconspicuous:* “

So what we have here is something that is an image or a perfect copy of something that can not be seen, or easily detected.

Therefore, this first born son is said to be *“the image of the invisible God:”*. Now, if something is invisible, then how can something that is visible be the image of that which is not visible. And now you have the mystery that Paul is talking about here.

Now, we know that “life” is invisible, and yet “Life” is not Life unless it comes into manifestation, and the manifestation is the evidence that the life is. Therefore, a seed unmanifested is truly hidden in the husk or shell. And many seeds look alike until they are planted. Thus when they are planted the life that is hidden inside, is suddenly manifested and when that happens the characteristics and attributes of the life that was in that seed suddenly becomes into view and we can now understand the nature of the life that had been hidden.

But we are not going to talk on this tonight, we are going to look at the words, “*Christ in you the hope of Glory*”. And we can see that this speaks of *Christ in you is the hope*, Christ in you is the earnest expectation that you will *receive the very Glory of God*.

And so there are two things we will examine here this evening.

The first is Christ in You, and what does that mean? What is Paul saying here, Christ in you? What does he mean by Christ in you?

And the second thing we will examine tonight is the other half of that equation. That if Christ is in you, then you have a right to earnestly expect that you will come to the position of Glory, and so we need to understand what this glory is that Paul is peaking of here.

Now, this thought “Christ in you”. What is he saying here when he says “*Christ in you*”?

The Greek word was Christos, and we know from years of teaching that when the word “Christ” is used it can speak of three different things.

- 1) *Christ meaning the anointer*
- 2) *Christ meaning the anointed*
- 3) *Christ meaning the anointing*

Since He did not say Christ Jesus in you, we know he is not speaking of the anointed one. And Since he already told us in verse that the fullness of the Godhead was in one man Jesus, then we can assume here that he is not speaking of the anointer in you. So that leaves only one possible answer, and that is the anointing in you is what Paul is peaking of here.

Now, we must get one thing straight here if we are to understand what this anointing is. And that is that the anointing is the very God-life that was in God and then in His Son.

Now, Jesus is not the anointer, He was the anointed. It is God who is the anointer, so this anointing which is in us comes from God just as it came into His Son Jesus.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

1 John 2:20 *But ye have an unction* (that word is anointing and it is the same Greek Word we see later in verse 27) *But ye have an unction* (an anointing) *from* (where?) *from the Holy One, and ye know all things.* Now, we don't need to run all over the Scriptures to know who this Holy One is. It is God. So we see the same one who anointed Jesus on the river Jordan, which is spoken of in **Acts 10:38** is the same God who anoints

you with the Holy Spirit. *21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath (echos) not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath (echos) the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that **every one that doeth right-wise-ness is born of him.***

Now, look brothers and sisters, you just can't get away from the Scripture, and when it says the Bride hath made herself ready, it is speaking of the bride becoming engaged to the Word. And the word engaged means to put into use, to become active. When you engage the clutch it means you push in the clutch. You do something with it.

And when Paul says, ***every one that doeth right-wise-ness is born of him. He is talking about you actually doing what you know to be rightly wise to do. In other words, putting it into action what you know to be right.***

Two different times when Brother Branham preached on the Token, he said the following about not just talking it, but applying it.

The first time in **63-0901-M The Token P:113 Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. That's what you must do. Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world, time we laid aside everything else. We've seen enough now, that we're positive, sure, and the Token must be applied. Without it, you're going to perish; you must perish. That is the only thing. Oh, don't come together, say, "I believe it." Get beneath it. Get into it. How to do it? By one Spirit we're baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody believe with all your heart. See? He was not responsible for any out from beneath it.**

And again from **The Token** preached in **64-0208 P:31 We should love one another during this time. The church and the believers should be unseparable. Believers should separate themselves from all the things of the world. Everything that's ungodly, the believer should separate himself from it. Notice. They were not just to come together to talk about it, and say "We believe it." They were come together to apply the blood, not come say, "Oh, sure I believe that," walk home. They had to come and apply the blood, that the Token might be seen. Get beneath it. That's... Today, we set and hear the message preached. We read it out of the Bible. We say "Oh, yes, I believe that." **That ain't what God requires. No matter how much you believe it, you've got to have it. Church, wake up.****

Oh, if that isn't what I've been trying to get across for the past I don't know how many years. You've got to apply it, get into it,

It's not enough to know Christ, Paul said we must put on Christ. Twice he told us that. In **Galatians 3:27** and again in **Romans 13:14** Paul said *“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.*

We have got to be dressed in the Word, and the Apostle Paul said we must put on Christ. and again he said, **Ephesians 6:11** *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* Which he calls the armor of light in **Romans 13:12** *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

Colossians 3:10 *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

Ephesians 4:24 *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Notice, you must put on the whole armor, you must put on the armor of light, you must put on the new Man you must put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

So what is this Christ in you that we are to put on? Paul said, This Christ in you, this anointing in you, is your hope of receiving the Glory of God.

Ok, so we see that when we have received this anointing he said we will know all things, right? Well if we will know all things, then we will know the things of God.

*That's exactly what the Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2:9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows.* And John told us the reason we are to receive the anointing is that we might know all things.

1 Corinthians 2:12 *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

And so in order to receive the mind of Christ we must put on Christ. we must have *“Christ in you which is the hope of Glory”*, or the hope of Doxa. And this word doxa is a great one, for it means, the very thoughts of God.

The Greek word *Doxa* which was translated as the English word *Glory* in the scriptures, primarily signifies an "**opinion**" or an "**estimate**" which speaks of "**values**" and hence, the honour that results from a Good opinion. "**DOXA**" is used of the nature of God in Self Manifestation. What He essentially is and does. It is the revelation and manifestation of all that He has and is. The Word *Doxa* comes from the root word *dokeo* which means "**to Think**".

Therefore, when we speak in terms of opinion or estimate, we are speaking in terms of "**thought**", and hence the value given to that "**thought**". An opinion is a judgment. An opinion is an evaluation, which is an estimation or a value that is set, and a judgment of ones own mind. An opinion deals with the mind and its desired values. In the Judicial System, the Judge's formal judgment is called his written opinion. Thus the word *Doxa* deals with the very Thoughts or mind of God.

53 Now, for a text, I want to take out of there this for a text, basing it upon the entire Bible, but I want to title this "**Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed,**" **Christ being the mystery of God revealed.** Now, I took it in order as a Sunday school lesson so we could all read together and have this fellowship together.

54 Now, **God's secret mystery He had before the world began...** Now, back in the back part of God's mind, there was something that He was trying and was going to achieve, and He had a motive in doing it, in order to let Himself be expressed. Because first, there wasn't even a moon, star, atom, molecule, or anything; He was God. But He exactly wasn't God at that time, because God is an object of worship, and there wasn't nothing to worship Him. So in His great mind He wanted these attributes to be expressed. And in Him was love; in Him was to be Father; in Him was to be Son; in Him was to be a Saviour; in Him was to be a Healer. And all these great attributes that we see already expressed, they were in God.

Matthew 16:27"For the Son of Man shall come in the *Doxa* of His Father with His angels: And then He shall reward every man according to His works."

Living, Dying, Buried pg. 21 3-29-59 "the way God represented Himself in Jesus Christ. He expressed His opinion to the human race, ..."

John 1:1 tells us that He is the Word.

Matthew 16:27 tells us the manner in which He shall come in this last hour. He will come in the form of the Word which is the DOXA or OPINION of God. Then He will hand out the rewards. Now who hands out the rewards for good and evil except it be a JUDGE.

In **John 12:48** Jesus said, "**My Word Will Judge In The Last Day.**"

In **James 5:9** we are told, "**Behold the Judge Standeth at the Door**"

This is the same One who is knocking at the door in **Revelation 3:20**. "Behold I stand at the door and knock,". Christ is at the door knocking, in the form of the Word, for He says, "**He that heareth, upon up to me and I will come in and we shall feast on this Word together.**"

The Anointed Ones at the end time pg. 63 *"I wasn't the one that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the one that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are, I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew, It's what I just surrendered myself to, that he spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh no; It wasn't the angel, His message, It was a manifestation of the Son of Man. It wasn't the angel, His message, It was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; It's God. The angel was not the Son of Man. The Son of Man is Christ. He's the One you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of Man."*

*Matthew 24:30v "And then shall **appear** the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven: And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great DOXA."*

Who is "**The Son of Man**"?, But Christ in the office of Prophet. The Church has for centuries taught that this GLORY is actually some great big radiant beauty or splendor, or some great achievement. The Church has interpreted this scripture and has looked for His Presence to come via some super duper visible manifestation.

In reality, **ISAIAH 53** describes Him as thus, *"For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground."*

This lets you know why the Tree of Life which is Christ was not even considered by Adam and Eve in the Garden. HE HATH NO FORM NOR COMELINESS; AND WHEN WE SHALL SEE HIM, THERE IS NO BEAUTY THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE HIM, HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN; ...AND WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT".

Malachi 3 and **Hebrews 13:8** say *"He is the same yesterday, today and forever.* So then, what is this Power and great Glory?

In **Romans 1:16**, we read that *"The Word of God is the power of God,"* and the DOXA is His own great OPINION or JUDGMENT of HIMSELF. The world will only despise and reject Him as they always have. They do not want His OPINION, nor do they understand the POWER of HIS Word. Brother Branham said, the cloud that Christ came down in was His white wig, showing that He is here as Judge. And *"the Word shall judge in the last day."* The people miss Him because He didn't come according to their own expectations, but He came according to His own Word.

Mark 8:38 *"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the DOXA of His Father with the Holy angels."*

What sinful and adulterous generation was He speaking of? The one back then that would die off and stay in the grave until the great white throne verdict, or was He speaking of the wicked and adulterous generation that will be on earth at the time of His great PAROUSIA and DOXA. He will come as a prophet for it says, *"when the son of Man comes"*.

He tells us here that they will be ashamed of His Word which will come in the OPINION of His Father. Ashamed is a condition of disgrace or dishonor, a great disappointment. Their disappointment comes because, even though they have looked for Him to come, He didn't come according to their expectations and therefore they not only missed the day of their visitation, but they crucified The very One who they claimed to be looking for. Hebrews 6 tells us that this will repeat again at His Great Appearing when they once again reject Him, as the Word made manifest once again.

John 17:5 *"And now, O Father, DOXAZO Thou Me with thine own Self with the DOXA which I had with Thee before the world was."*

Jesus was praying to the Father of DOXA to give Him the very OPINION of The Father, which OPINION He had in The Father as His thoughts in the beginning.

John 17:22 *"And the DOXA Thou has given Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are One: I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me. I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my DOXA, which thou hast given Me: For thou lovest Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare It: And the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

We can see here again that the DOXA deals with the very thoughts and judgments of the Father. What else could Jesus give us that was first the Fathers, and passed on to us. You might say, "It was His Spirit". Yes, but Jesus said, " *My words are spirit and they are truth.*" So we can see here the Word being handed down from Father to Son, to sons. In reality, It is a reflection process. The Father is the Source or author of all Light (Word).

That Light then is reflected to the Prophet of the Hour who in turn reflects it to the people, who in turn reflect it to the world. The Word made flesh.

Romans 8:18 *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time shall are not worthy to be compared with the DOXA which shall be revealed in us."*

Notice that the Doxa is to be revealed in us. So the Mind of God must come into His seed.

Romans 9: 22-23 *"What if God willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much long suffering the vessels of wrath fitted for destruction; and what if He did this that He might make known the riches of His DOXA on the vessels of Mercy, which He had afore prepared unto DOXA."*

This tells us that there is a special breed of people which are actually fashioned or prepared in such a way as to be able to receive the DOXA of God which is the very mind and Judgment of God.

In **Matthew 13: 10 - 12**, Jesus tells us that only a certain group of people are ordained to hear and to understand. He then says "*To Whosoever hath shall more be given*" The Greek word for "HATH" is "ECHO". So there are a people who are fashioned with an ability to echo or reflect back the Word of God, while all others can not do so. So, we can see that there is a people who are prepared unto DOXA. They are not the DOXA, but are prepared unto DOXA. They were prepared before the foundations of the world in the mind of God to reflect the mind of God. The Son is tutored until he has his Father's mind set. Then he is ready for adoption or placing.)

Romans 15:5-6 "*Now, The God of patience and consolation grant to be like minded, one toward another according to Christ: that ye may with one mind and one mouth DOXA God, even The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the DOXA of God.*"

We are to have ONE mind, and that is the Mind of God. Then all that we say and do will be done as unto the Lord. He doesn't say that this will come overnight, but he makes reference to a length of time. He says, *The God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded*. Now the Patience is needed because of the time involved in losing your mind and receiving His Mind. The consolation is needed because of the many times in which we fail so miserably in letting our own thinking go. But nevertheless, we are ordained and predestinated to it. You see, God gives us free moral agency, but it is through this free moral agency that we keep moving away from the truth. PROVERBS 14:12 says, THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF IS THE WAY OF DEATH. Man will always choose the way that seems right, but the end is death. If man can't even understand his own ways, <PROVERBS 20:24> how is he supposed to know which way to go? The Lord must direct us into His Word or we are lost for sure.

Proverbs 16:9. and **Matthew 20:16** Says, *Many are called but few are chosen.*"

John 6:44 Tells us that the Father must do the drawing. We can not come by our own choice.

Romans 15 also tells us that we must become like minded. One mind? Then Who's mind. Yours and mine are failures to begin with. We must receive the Mind of our Heavenly Father only.)

I Corinthians 2:7 "*But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our DOXA:*"

Again we see that God has ordained us to receive His DOXA or mind set even before the world began. To the world it remains hidden, but to the elect it is revealed as he said in **Matthew 13:10 - 12.**

I Corinthians 10:31 *"Whether therefore ye eat, or dronk, or whatever ye do, do all to the DOXA of God."*

God wants us to have His mind set in all that we do. Not just in our doctrine, but also in our conduct and every facet of Living. When Gods' **opinion** and **judgments** becomes our **opinion** and **judgments**, then all our actions will be God's actions. God manifesting Himself in human flesh again.

II Corinthians 3:7,8,10,11,18 *"But if the ministration of death written and engraven in stones, was ENDOXA, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the presence of Moses for the DOXA of His countenance: which DOXA was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather ENDOXA. For even that which was made ENDOXA had no DOXA in this respect, by reason of the DOXA that exeelleth. For if that which is done away was endoxa, much more that which remaineth is ENDOXA."*

The word rather here signifies, not a doing away with, but in greater measure. The DOXA of God is the DOXA of God, The Word of God is the Word of God. This tells us that a greater measure, The fullness of HIS DOXA is to come. And the limited understanding we had will give way to the full assurance of His opinion and Great Judgments.

II Corinthians 3:18 *"But we all with unveiled faces, behold in a mirror the DOXA of the Lord, are changed into the same image from DOXA to DOXA, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

Here again we see that as we look into the mirror of His Word, we do not see ourselves anymore. All we see is Him, or more specifically, His DOXA. After all, we are looking into His Word, which is His **opinion** and **judgments** expressed. As we see His DOXA, we are changed from our **opinion** to his opinion from our **judgments** to His **judgments**. Thus we are coming into the IMAGE of God. If He is The Word, then His Image must be a reflection of that Same Word. And What is his Image but His Word made flesh.

II COR 4:3-6 *"But if our Gosel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this evil age hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the Light of this ENDOXA Gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, would shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ouselves your servants for Jesus sake. For God, who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the Light of the knowledge of the DOXA of God in the presence of Jesus Christ."*

It is very clear here that those who can not receive the DOXA of God will be blinded by Satan to prevent them from receiving it. And if the DOXA is God's OPINION or JUDGMENT, then what will they be blinded by, but another **opinion** and **judgments** that is contrary to Gods'. It tells us here that there will be a time when the Gospel will shine or illuminate in our hearts and give us the knowledge of the DOXA of God. When is this to take place? At the Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPH 1:6 "To the praise of the DOXA of His grace wherein He hath made us accepted in his beloved. "

This scripture tells us that we are predestinated to the Praise of His DOXA. **HEBREWS 13:15** Tells us that the PRAISE offering is the fruit of our lips. We then are a predestinated people who are ordained to speak of God's Revealed Word. **MALACHI 3:16 - 18** speaks also of this GROUP of PEOPLE in whom The Lord shall write a book of remembrance. Notice what this DOXA pertains to here. THE DOXA OF HIS GRACE. The *opinion* and *judgments* of His Grace brings an echo of His great *opinion* and *judgments* from the lips of His Elect.)

EPH 1:12 "That we should be to the praise of His DOXA, Who first trusted in Christ."

Again we see that we are predestinated to reflect His DOXA. That is our very purpose of being. And to the praise of It, tells you we are to be ever speaking His OPINION.

EPH 1:17-18 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of DOXA, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge ofim: That the eyes of your heart may be enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the DOXA of His inheritance in the saints. "

If He is the Father of DOXA, then His children must be a part of that DOXA. The purpose of His coming as the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation is to bring us back to our rightful position in Him. He brings forth this knowledge of Himself to us by way of the voice of His Vindicated Messenger Prophet. This ministry is to Reveal to us the riches of the Father's " *opinion* and *judgments* " toward His own, and it also places us in HIM.

COL 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the DOXA of this mystery among the gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of DOXA:"

Notice that The Baptism is not the DOXA, but is only the earnest expectation of receiving His DOXA.)It tells us quite plainly that "CHRIST IN YOU" is only the Hope of the Doxa but is not the DOXA itself. It only gives us an earnest expectation to receive the DOXA of God. This let's us know how important the DOXA of GOD really is. For without it we can not even receive the change of the body.

COL 3:4 "When Christ Who is our Life shall Appear, then shall ye also Appear with Him in DOXA."

How else could we Manifest with Him. He is the Word. Then we must become a perfect reflection of that same word in order to manifest as He Manifests. "in him was life and the life was the light of men". The if the Life is the Light of men, His Life is His Light or Word. If He then is our Life, our Life must come from His Word. Then When His word shall manifest Itself, our Life must also manifest the same thing. Then as Paul said, it is not really our life but His Life in us that is manifesting. Jesus said, "*My words are spirit and they are life*". Then what is manifesting? It can only be His Word.

I THES 2:12 "That ye would walk worthy of God, Who hath called you into His kingdom and DOXA."

In **LUKE 17: 20 -22** Jesus is asked by the Christ rejecting Pharisees, when His Kingdom will come and He replies ***THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU***. Now, He was not suggesting to these Christ rejecting Pharisees that His Kingdom was actually in them. The Word "***Within***" here actually means, "IN THE MIDST OF". A Kingdom is not a piece of real estate. A Kingdom consists of a King and His people. And Jesus and His people were right in their midst and they knew it not. So then we see that the Kingdom is His Presence. Now this scripture here then tells us that we are called into His Presence and His ***opinion*** and ***judgments***. For He is here in the form of the WORD as we stated earlier.

II THES 1:7,10 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels,"..." When He shall come to be ENDOXA in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony was believed) in that day."

Paul tells us that His Testimony or His Message will be believed in "THAT" day. Did not Brother Branham say that He, "only preached what Paul preached." And notice what that Message is to produce, Christ's own OPINION and JUDGMENT in the saints. A people with His very mind set. And this Mind set will bring a rest and a relaxation as Brother Branham promised the opening of the Seventh Seal would produce.

TIT 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the ENDOXA Appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

This great Appearing of Our God and Saviour, is to be in the Form of Spirit bringing Life, and it will come through His Vindicated Word being opened up to His Elect By the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him.

Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of His DOXA, and the express Image of His person, and upholdng all things by the Word of His power, when he had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Now **John 1:1** says, "***In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God***". So if He was the expressed Image of God who is the Word, then He is the Word Expressed. The very ***opinion*** and ***judgments*** of God made manifest.

Hebrews 2:7,10 "Thou madest Him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownest Him with DOXA and honour, and didst set Him over the works of thy hands."

His very crowning was in filling Him with the very ***opinion*** and ***judgments*** of God in order to set Him over the works of God. The Scripture also promises us in

II Timothy 4:8 that we also shall receive our crowning at His great Appearing. This Crowning is also to be by receiving His DOXA which is His Opinion and Judgment, or His very Mind.

Hebrews 2:10 "For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto DOXA, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering."

The very One who made it possible for God's Elect to come into God's DOXA had to be child trained and had to suffer in order to not only become the Captain or chief leader or author of our Salvation, but in order to become a finished product of God's DOXA Himself.

I Peter 1:7 " That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though It be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, honor and DOXA at the Appearing of Jesus Christ."

We see here a moving out or progression of our faith that is set in motion by the Trials of our Revelation. The first stage is to begin testifying to our Revelation or our Faith. This testifying moves us into a place of Honour where we come subject to our own testimony and begin to give proper Headship and Preeminence to The Revelation we receive at the Appearing of Christ. This is to occur in the last age which is epochal and strategic in its significance.

Finally this speaking back the Revelation and adhering & coming subject to it, brings us to a place where we have no other thought but the Thoughts of God as Vindicated and Revealed in this great Appearing of Christ. At this stage we have entered into the DOXA or OPINION of God. Then we will be ready to receive our body change. For without a renewing of the Mind there can be no transformation of the body, as Spoken of in

Romans 12:1-2 Notice we are told here that our body change will come as a result of a renewed mind.

I Peter 1:8 "Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of DOXA." This scripture is still in reference to the great Appearing of Christ to the Elect at the end time. But, Although the great majority of those who truly believe the vindicated Messenger Prophet of this last hour have never even seen Him, nor have they seen the Manifested Christ through that ministry directly, yet this new generation of Elect still believe with Joy unspeakable and are becoming full of the DOXA of GOD which is His *opinion* and *judgments*..

I Peter 1:11 "Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the DOXA that should follow."

The suffering was at His first coming, in His ministry to the Jews. The DOXA that should follow is His ministry to the GENTILES in the form of the WORD through the SPIRIT in this last day ELIJAH Ministry.

I Peter 4:13 "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering; that, when His DOXA shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

This speaks to us that The DOXA will come by means of a Revealing. This Revelation of God's DOXA will set our hearts to rejoicing exceedingly.

I Peter 5:1 "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the DOXA that shall be revealed:"

Peter had finally succumbed to the Mind of God and let his own thinking go. Peter, James and John had been carried up onto the Mountain in **Matthew 17** by Jesus and had become eye witnesses of The *opinion* and *judgments* of God when God overshadowed Jesus and said, "*This is my beloved son in whom I am pleased to dwell, hear ye Him.*" In other words, shut up and listen. Peter learned His lesson over and over again, until he finally gave up on his own opinion and let God's opinion take preeminence. Every time Peter tried to correct Jesus or disagree with what Jesus was doing, Jesus would look right straight into His eyes, and piercing His very soul with that gaze, He would say, "*get thee behind me satan.*" I'm sure Peter hated to be called that, but what Jesus was telling Him is that any thought contrary to The Fathers thoughts that He expressed were of Satan.

1 PET 5:4 "And when the Chief Shepherd shall Appear, ye shall receive a crown of DOXA that fadeth not away."

The scripture tells us, *That heaven and earth shall pass away but not one jot or tittle of God's word shall fail.*" So this crown of DOXA that shall never fade away must be God's own Word. It is not some Glory as in Gold or silver, for we are to store up our treasure in Heaven where nothing can tarnish or lose it's luster or even rust. Our DOXA is then the Word of God that we are Crowned with. The Crown is the top part of the head. Then our Headship must be given to Christ The Word, for nothing else would do.

I PET 5:10 "But the God of all Grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal DOXA by Christ Jesus, after ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

There is no Eternal outside of God, and we know that He is the Eternal Spirit full of Wisdom and Knowledge. Then what could this ETERNAL DOXA be but His Word.

JUDE 24 "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His DOXA with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be DOXA and Majesty, and dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Notice how that we are to be found blameless in the Presence of His DOXA. The Presence of Christ then as we have stated all along, is and must be in the form of His Holy Spirit, which has come down and has manifested Himself and His Life through His Vindicated Word. Jesus said, "MY WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE." It is He that Keeps us from falling and that will present us faultless to His very Opinion and Judgment. "*He who made the Word is here to complete it.*"