

**Abba Father =Glory, Glorified, Glorious  
Truths from Romans 8**

**Romans 8:14-25**

**V.14, 15=** Abba Father= Adult-Sons

In the old Test. Israelites are adopted "sons of the covenant" The Bible nowhere has the pagan idea that men are by natural birth =sons of God. Genesis distinguishes this by created in the "image of God."

**Adopted=** See Gal 4:5,6 "received the adoption as sons." Only thru faith in Christ & His completed work in our behalf can we be adopted into God's family, a new creation, born of the Spirit. Jesus is our elder brother and we share His merit.

**V.15b=***Abba Father is a profoundly new idea.* In the Old Testament & all other religions, God is too transcendent to be intimate with any human individual. Ab= Aramaic word for Father.

Abba=intimate & personal "daddy" Thus Abba Father is about His grace to us in Christ.

**V.16=** *His Spirit bears witness with our spirit Not witnesses* "to" but "with" The Greek is "together with" meaning God's Spirit living in our spirit is so intimately identified with our spirit that we share His nature. We are alive spiritually as God's children. When you are redeemed & adopted =you know it!!

**V.17=** *heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ* As heirs all that belongs to Christ in resurrection power belongs to you as an adopted child. Can you list the inheritance that you have? Do you have to die to benefit from it? [heaven.]

**V.17b=** *if indeed we suffer with Him...* Does this indicate a partial rapture=only those who suffer are "glorified" See 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 2:12= "reigning with Him" is a reference to the Faithful servants rewards. Thus we are all to be glorified @ His return, but some will "reign with Him" as their reward.

**I. Glory=** in the OT this word [Kabod] has the essential meaning of "substance" or wealth. When used of God's presence, it means that part of God's presence that men can perceive. God's glory is not all God is but it is glorious to behold.

**Exodus 33:18=** Moses says, "Show me your glory"

**II. Old Testament speaks of Man's departed "glory" Psalms 8=** "created a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor."

**Romans 3:23=** the result of "fall" in Eden is the loss of "the glory" We fall short of the glory Adam had & lost!! What would life on earth have been like had the 1st humans not rebelled"??

**III. NT =**John's Gospel more than any other speaks of Christ's glory.

1. Christ represents what a man was created to be=full of glory!

**John 1:14=** "We beheld his glory, full of grace & truth."

**John 17=** Jesus had God's glory in pre-existence

2. God desires & is determined to restore man to his created glory

**Rom. 1:23=** thru sin, we "changed the glory of God into idols". We lost sight of the glory and lost sight of ourselves.

Illust: all the myths, stories, and fables have the theme of the glory we lost.

3. Christ's Passion & Resurrection are glorious, and have our redemption to glory as their purpose.

See **Hebrews 2:10** "bringing many sons to glory..."

4. Rom.8:19=Creation's redemption is about the glory of the sons of God restored & revealed 5. All creation awaits the day when in freedom from the curse, man will fly in glory!!

6. Our resurrection body is glorious **1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:45**

**IV. Christ's return is glorious,** full of glory see Matt 24:30, Mk. 8:38

Much of John 17 anticipates Christ's glory being revealed & in the twinkling of an eye, we shall all be changed, and we shall be like Him.



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### **V. Till that day...**

Col 1:27 Christ in you the hope of glory

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:31= do all to the glory of God.

### **Glorious thoughts on "Glory"**

1. When did [will] God glorify you? In **Rom. 8:29, 30**= the verb tenses are all "aorist" meaning a completed task, already accomplished in Christ's death & resurrection.
2. Men will not be transformed by religion, ethics, or knowledge. Only a revelation of the Glory of God will transform the human heart. Think of Moses, Saul, Isaiah, Ezekiel, & John.
3. When you see Christ glorified, and realize it was to bring you to your glory, you'll live by grace and never be the same again! "No condemnation"