

When God made Man, the Bible says that God crowned him with glory and honour. (Psalm 8:5) The word "crowned" here means to encompass, or to surround like a glorious circle. The glory of God was therefore Man's clothing. In other words, Adam's whole being was gloriously radiant. When Man sinned against God, he forfeited the glory of God. (Romans 3:23) But when Jesus Christ was born, the glory of God came down. (Luke 2:9) Many years later, Jesus, before He died, said to His Father, "The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one." So the glory of God which Man forfeited has now been restored to him, because Jesus has come. When He died on the Cross, He took our shame, gave us His righteousness, and restored the glory of God to us.

But what exactly is the glory of God? *Doxa*, the Greek word for "glory", means having a good opinion concerning one that results in praise, honour and glory. This means that in restoring to us His glory, God wants us to have the sense that we are praiseworthy, honourable and glorious because of His constant good opinion of us. Because God's glory is on you, there is a weightiness about you. People don't know why, but their souls and spirits are lifted when they are in your presence. There is something about you that impacts them even if they have only been with you for a short while. When you talk, they listen, because there is substance in what you say. Also, because God's glory is on you, you can expect it to touch every aspect of your life - your finances, relationships, work and health. So, because Jesus has come and restored the glory of God to you, be conscious of God's constant good opinion of you. Know that there is a weightiness about you and arise, shine!

John 17:22 "The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one."