

Luke 9:28-29 The Glory of Christ in the Days of Humiliation

**The glory of Christ is radiant in the days of His humiliation.**

**1) The Divine glory of Christ is unveiled in the days of His humiliation.**

- a) Transfiguration
  - i) Luke “appearance”—not a mask or superficial semblance; but a structural difference
  - ii) Matthew and Mark “transfigured”—*metamorphosis*; change of form
  - iii) “Dazzling white” garments indicate heavenly glory
- b) Moses’ face shone with the reflection of God’s glory like the moon shines with the reflection of the sun’s light (Exod. 34:29-35; 2 Cor. 3:7-18). Jesus’ face shone “like the sun,” no mere reflection, but the radiance of the Divine glory of His person (Matt. 17:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-6).
- c) The Person of Christ did not change. He who is “the form of God” (Phil. 2:6) is the very One who took “the form of a servant/the Servant” (Phil. 2:7). During the time of His humiliation His glory was veiled, even to those who believed He was the Christ. Only after the resurrection of Christ do His disciples see His glory in His humiliation—the glory of the cross.
  - i) The glory of Divine Love
  - ii) The glory of Divine Grace
  - iii) The glory of Divine Mercy
  - iv) The glory of Divine Wisdom
  - v) The glory of Divine Righteousness

**2) The glory of Christ is our glory, even in the days of our humiliation.**

- a) As the New Covenant Church “beholding the glory of the Lord, we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory” (2 Cor. 3:18).
- b) Yet we are “servants for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor. 4:5), jars of clay whose “outer self is wasting away” (2 Cor. 4:7-16). With Jesus, we have taken up our cross, denying ourselves, and despising the honor of this world (Luke 9:23-27).
- c) To those who do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are pitiful (1 Cor. 15:14-19).
- d) Therefore, “we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7-17).
  - i) How do you “see” your importance (worldly power or the love of Christ)?
  - ii) How do you “see” your suffering (pointless pain or hopeful groaning)?
  - iii) How do you “see” your brothers and sisters in Christ (competition for your glory or new creations who share in Christ’s glory with you)?
  - iv) How do you “see” your service to Christ (serving self or representing the glory of Christ)?