

# Order of Salvation – All of Grace

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## Glorification

### Introduction

The Christian has something glorious to look forward to. The light and momentary afflictions cannot be compared to the glory that is to be revealed (2 Cor. 4:17-18; Rom. 8:18).

Westminster Larger Catechism: “the righteous... shall be fully and for ever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy in glory” (Q 90).

It is the completion, the attainment of the goal to which the elect of God were predestined in the eternal purpose of God (J. Murray). It not only refers to the intermediate state, which the child of God enters at death. But it looks to the redemption of the body and the enjoyment of glory.

### New body

Ecclesiastes 12 describes the aging process in which everything in the body eventually wears out and the body returns to the dust. But Christ has come to redeem not only our souls, but also our bodies.

1. Real body (Job. 19:25-26; Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-3). “The skin of our flesh, which now houses us temporally, will be replaced with new skin that will last forever. Just as certainly as sinners will be cast bodily into the lake of fire to endure the torments of body and soul (Matt. 10:28), so will Christians reside bodily in heaven to enjoy the bliss of both body and soul” (Barrett).
2. Distinct body (1 Cor. 15). “The kind of flesh we have for earth is fit for earth, but not fit for glory.” To inherit heaven we need a completely different kind of body, one that is spiritual and incorruptible.
3. Christ-like body (Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Jn. 3:2). Does that mean we will be able to walk through walls? This misses the point. Being like Him is not so much what we will be able to do, but what we will be incapable of doing. Whatever is true of the new body, it will be a body in which we no longer sin.

## **Full glory**

**The place** – Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place for His disciples (Jn. 14:2-3; cf. Rev. 21).

1. It's a safe place (Rev. 21:11-25)
2. It's a costly place (Rev. 21:11,18)
3. It's a big place (Rev. 21:16).

⇒ The glory of heaven is Christ.

## ***The privilege***

### Removing

1. No more curse (Rev. 22:3)
2. No more death (Rev. 21:4)
3. No more sorrow (Rev. 21:4)
4. No more pain (Rev. 21:4)
5. No more night (Rev. 21:25)

### Restoring

1. Restored service
2. Restored Paradise

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why must the order of salvation end in glorification
2. How do the other parts of the order of salvation prepare God's people for glorification
3. Do you long for glory? How does that show?