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The Glory of God in Christ Among Us

Matthew 17:14-27

Ex 33:18-20 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy

The Glory of God in Christ is Patient (v. 14-20)

- Jesus healed the demon-afflicted boy that the disciples were not able to heal, due to their immature faith.
- Jesus had already given them authority over the demonic powers which He expected them to exercise.

Matt 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons...

- In spite of their failure to use the gift He had given them, Jesus exercised Divine loving patience with the disciples.

1 Cor 13:4 Love is patient...

- Jesus reminded them (see **13:31-32**) that if their faith is the size of a mustard seed, great things will be accomplished.

The Glory of God in Jesus' Death and Resurrection (v. 22-23)

- God the Father had sent His Son into the world to reclaim His original intention of revealing the glory of His Divine Son in and through His people (**Rom. 8:29; Gen. 1:26-28**), which was the display of the glory of His triune nature and character.
- Although the entire life of the Incarnate Son (**John 1:14**) was a revelation of the Father's glory (**John 12:28; 17:1**), that glory is accentuated and culminates in the cross when the Incarnate Son willingly (**John 10:15-18**) and joyfully (**Heb. 12:2**) gives up His life so the glory of the Father's love would be displayed through fellowship with His people (**2 Peter 1:4**).
- At the cross, the glory of the Trinity was on public display as the Divine Son obeyed the will of the Divine Father (**John 6:38**) by the power of the Divine Spirit (**Rom. 8:11**) according to the glory of the Father's eternal Divine decree (**Rom. 6:4**).
- As a result, in the resurrection God shares His Divine glory with His people, fulfilling **Is. 7:14**.
- At the cross, Jesus wore the curse as symbolized in the crown of thorns (**John 19:2; Gen.3:18**) so that we in Him might wear His Crown of Glory (**1 Peter 5:4**).

The Glory of God in Christ in His Deference *(v. 24-27)*

- Jesus used the question about paying the Temple tax (**Ex. 30:13**) to explain that the sons of the King are exempt, but rather than offend, Jesus tells Peter to get the tax from the mouth of a fish.
- In this episode is displayed the glory of the marvelous deference of the Son of God.
- Jesus, the eternal Son, forever equal with the Father and the Spirit, fulfills the eternal will of the Father which is His will also, by deferring to the Father's leadership through His obedience (**Phil. 2:6-8**).
- In this episode, Jesus, the living Temple of God (**Matt. 12:6**), does not assert His Divine right to not pay the tax but defers and pays it so that all righteousness accomplished (**Matt. 3:15**).
- The Incarnation of God's Son clearly shows that He Who serves best, leads best.