

Glory to the Newborn King

Luke 2:8–20 (ESV): And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" 15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Revelation 5:11–14 (ESV): Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

1. What is God's Glory?

12c Definition: The splendor of God in Christ

That's nice but how? Are we just exchanging the word Glory for Splendor? Then what is splendor?

Modern definition: very great praise or honor.

Another exchange of words, but this time we've removed the subject of glory: God Himself.

1 Timothy 6:15–16 (ESV): he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

2. Where can we find God's glory?

John 17:5 (ESV): And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Psalm 19:1 (ESV): The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Isaiah 6:3 (ESV): And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

We are created in the image of God. NO OTHER CREATION CAN SAY THAT. NOT EVEN THE ANGELS.

how does God get the glory in everything I do?

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (ESV): Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.