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God is the one who shares his glory with us

Hebrews 2-10-New Century Version (NCV)

God is the One who made all things and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory, so he made the One who leads people to salvation perfect through suffering.

¹¹ Jesus, who makes people holy, and those who are made holy are from the same family. So he is **not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters**. ¹² He says, "**Then, I will tell my brothers and sisters about you; I will praise you in the public meeting.**" — Psalm 22:22

God wanted children he wanted to have many children in fact, and he wanted them to share in things with him, and one of those things was sharing his glory, so he made Jesus who would be the first of many children, and from Jesus he would create many children and Jesus would come and lead God's children to him.

Jesus was and is the one who makes God's children Holy, and he then calls them his brothers and sisters, and he says he will tell his brothers and sisters about God our Father.

Read that first line of this scripture again and see the depths of what it is saying;

God is the one who made all things; and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have children!

God who made all things wanted children of his own. He created planets and stars and galaxies and he created many life forms heavenly and earthly and only God knows what other life forms on distant planets he made; but he specifically desired to have children.

I love that translation from the New Century Version, it is so soft and gentle and shows us the love of God from a gentle side of his nature; he wanted to have children, he wanted to be a dad, a Father, so he created us in his own image, and decided to share his own glory with us, out of a heart filled with unending love, an unconditional love. He done everything to make heaven available to us and he wanted to be loved in return, so he gave us free will, to either chose to return his love or to reject him, that is unconditional love in action; giving us the freedom to love him back or reject him for something else.

** {I can only put this my way; God gave the gift of procreating to all life, and then he seen that life coming forth, and he envied what he himself made and realised he also could have offspring's, children of his own. That is just my thoughts not scripture.} **

He wanted children to share his glory, he an Almighty God wanted someone to share his own glory with and he picked us.

Hebrews 3-1-New Century Version (NCV) –The Way Bible*

Jesus Is Greater than Moses

So all of you holy brothers and sisters, who were called by God, think about Jesus, who was sent to us and is the high priest of our faith *you who are chosen for heaven*

God calls you holy brothers and sisters, and he says you were chosen for heaven; this was and still is God's plan.

Romans 12-1-New Century Version (NCV)

Give Your Lives to God

So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. ²Do not be shaped by this world; instead be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

Read this scripture verse one again, offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship.

Offer back to God what he gave you; he gave you your very life, offer your life sincerely back to him without any drawbacks or reservations. Sit down with God and talk about this before you make a commitment, because you will only need to make this commitment once in your life. If you offer God back your life that he gave you, he will accept your offer and your life will become his to use for his glory, it will no longer be yours to do with as you please. Christians have done this when they asked Jesus into their lives as their lord and saviour, they gave up their lives so that they could be saved and receive heaven into them and become one with Jesus Christ with him as lord of their lives. This scripture is also talking about your life being a continual sacrifice of worship, as you try with God's grace, to walk as best as you can, wishing to please God by what you say and do.

You will fail, you will fall down but you will get up you will recover you will go on because you now have God's amazing grace helping you every day. Everything you do as a child of God is worship if offered to him each day.

I always say; "Lord I consecrate myself to you today, do with me as you will."

God created us billions of years ago, and he has a plan for us that is for our good to give us a future here on earth and later on in heaven with him; and he formed you in your mother's womb and your life began there, now you are at an age to think, 'what do I want to do with my life?' Most people when they think that are thinking what kind of job will I try for, or will I go and take a year or two out to do something they thought about. But you have a decision to make, do you wish to be like the people of this world doing what they want or do you want to do as God would like you to do, and that is to offer to him your life. You will still go to work, you will still go on holidays, you will still do things you longed to do but this time you have God in you helping you every step of the way. You will be following the perfect will of God for your life, and everything you do is offering to God a sacrifice of praise and worship and this is the worship God wants as he said; **offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship.** Worship is not just sitting songs or praying to God, God says, offering your lives to him is pleasing and is the kind of worship he desires from us. and if you do decide to offer God your life then be assured he will bless you every day of your life, but remember this you have an enemy who will do everything in his power, and his power is only thoughts in your head now as he was stripped naked of all power, but he and his forces will try and get you to fall away from God, but he will never succeed if you continue to offer to God your life every day, simply by saying, 'I consecrate myself to you today lord.' Remember you gave your life only once to God and that's that; but you can offer to him every day a reminder that today you wish to be pleasing to him as your daily sacrifice of worship.

In that previous scripture God says change your thinking, begin thinking as Jesus thought; scripture says, let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was God he humbled himself by becoming a human being. **Then he told us 2-do not be shaped by this world; instead be changed within by a new way of thinking.**

He tells to change your thinking, don't think as the world thinks, and the world thinks negative about everything. Think as Jesus thought; did Jesus think about anything negative? I don't think so, a negative person could never work the signs and wonders and miracles that Jesus did; but if you begin to think as Jesus thought you also will begin to see those signs and wonders also. You have to begin to change within, 'in your spirit,' your spirit is not fed with the positive word of God if all you think of is doing things by this world standard. God called us to be different in fact scripture says we are a mirror that brightly reflects his glory; not only are we his glory but we also reflect it everywhere we go in this world, if, we live as he wants us to live.

Two

God so loved us

John 3-16-New International Version (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall 'not perish' but 'have eternal life.' ¹⁷ **for God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.** ¹⁸ **Whoever believes in**

him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

God so loved the world, that's us, he wasn't talking about the world as some may think, he was talking of us in the world, he says, he so loves us, that he sacrificed his only Son Jesus; at that time, his Son Jesus, was his only son - so that he could have other children through Jesus sacrifice. Sacrifice is a wondrous thing; when you offer to God your life that is a wondrous offering of worship, Jesus offered to God the ultimate sacrifice, his life, the one that made every other sacrifice acceptable to him and pleasing to him. And that sacrifice made us acceptable to God and God decided to share his glory with us by making us holy, spotless and clean and forever perfect in his sight first, and he decided to do that billions of years ago, Ephesians-1-4 /Hebrews -10-14.

When God created us he created us holy, spotless, and clean he created us in his own divine image, so that no matter what we would do, and he knew beforehand, that we would do many wrong things in our lifetime; but he compensated for those times we would do wrong, and he did this for all the world, not just you and me, by sacrificing his only Son Jesus for our atonement. In that previous scripture God is telling us that whoever believes in Jesus, is not condemned, they shall not perish but **have eternal life**; have means something is yours; example; I have a watch.

Anyone who does not believe in Jesus is **condemned already**; because they do not believe in the name of God's Son. People don't realise that if they don't believe in Jesus or if they reject him and his message they are condemned at that very instance, if they died right now they will go to hell, and that was not God's choice for them or his perfect will, they chose to walk into hell itself, God had nothing to do with sending them there it was their choice. **Whoever does not believe stands "condemned already"** because they have not believed in the name of **God's one and only Son**.

They chose not to believe in Jesus; whilst those who chose to believe what Jesus said are in heaven 'in their spirit right now,' they shall have eternal life; to have something means it is already yours. Most people are not aware and that includes Christians that they are already seated in heaven in their spirit, right now - not in their flesh, but their spirit is joined together with Jesus as one and Jesus is seated in heaven as we know, and we are seated with him now! That's what God done for us who chose to believe and accept Jesus as lord and saviour and believe what he told us. This is just part of the wondrous things that scripture talks about. Those who chose to believe what God said through Jesus are given a share in the glory of God. In **the Old Testament God did not share his glory with any man**, but in the New Testament he decided to change his mind and share his own glory with his own children as well as with Jesus.

Three

He even shares his own glory with us.

2-Peter-1:3-Good-News-Translation

[God's Call and Choice] God's divine power has given us everything we need to live a

truly religious life through our knowledge of the one who called us to share in his own glory and goodness.

This was God's choice and his choice alone it has nothing to do with us, it is a grace given to us by God himself out of pure love for us. You can't take one scripture alone and use that scripture as proof of what you share with others you must have corresponding scriptures to verify the word of God, too many religious fanatics use one scripture to get their point across. Let's look at this scripture, who's choice did it say it was to give us everything? It was God's choice.

Now a question I want to ask you is do you agree with what this scripture says that it was God's choice to give you everything and to share with you his own glory and goodness? If you do then you have to acknowledge that you didn't chose this by your choice as you did nothing to encourage God to share his glory with you. It is God's divine power and knowledge that called us to share in his divine glory. God's word says that this is all of God's glory, a glory that he is willing to share with us his Sons and Daughters, his own children. You are not going to see that glory manifested now but when the end time comes we will partake in that glory because we are one with Jesus and this is what you have to remember. Of course your enemy does not want you knowing this and hates you with a passion, and he will try feverishly to get you to doubt, but believe God and what he says, if he says he wants to share his glory with us who are we to say no, let him do it and give him praise for that awesome blessing. He is our Father after all!

We don't truly believe and accept that God is our father; because of a religious spirit whispering to us 'that's blasphemy,' 'that's a terrible thing to say,' 'how dare you say that 'God is your Divine Father' and that 'you and Jesus are brothers,' and that 'God shares his own glory with you,' who do you think you are? Yet Jesus himself said, 'my brothers and sisters.'

Hebrews-2:11-Contemporary-English-Version

Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

Because Jesus made us holy for God, we can then share in his glory through and in Jesus; you have to believe what God says without giving any room to doubt or thinking 'I don't deserve this,' of course you don't deserve this free gift, but Jesus made you one with him and he is God's glory and being one 'with and in' Jesus you share in that glory. This was God's choice remember, and not your choice. He was the one who decided. Many people oppose the word of God because it does not go with their church teachings, if you come from a church background of condemnation, or judgment a harsh God who waits to punish you, you will find it hard to acquaint with these scriptures that I share with you. I came from a background of fear of God, not a reverend fear but a fear that terrifies a young child growing up. I grew up thinking that God is watching every move I made with the intent of punishing me if I did anything remotely wrong or sinful, I became more aware of sin than I did of forgiveness or mercy, I was never taught this at school or chapel. I grew us sin conscious, not Jesus conscious. I was under a heavy cloud of oppression with a cruel God who delights in killing those whom you love, and it was not until I actually met Jesus did I realise that this was all lies that the

enemy had me believe through wrong teaching in school and in church and in the streets with friends. God was not someone you wanted to know and this is still the same today @ 2012, in most churches; the focus is on sin not mercy and forgiveness from sin.

1 Corinthians 6-17-New International Version (NIV)

But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

You're a part of Jesus that's why you share in the glory of God Jesus is God's glory, you and Jesus are one in spirit and that is how you sit with him in the heavenly realms as well. One in spirit which makes you equal with him, God knows his word the bible, and he chose to have these things happen for those who love him. we have an awesome loving father who wants to shower us with every grace and blessing and shares his own awe-inspiring glory with us his kids.

Four

A secret now made known

Colossians-1:27-Good-News-Translation

God's plan is to make known his secret to his people, this rich and glorious secret which he has for all peoples. And the secret is that Christ is in you, which means that you will share in the glory of God.

Because Christ is in you God will share his glory with you, that is so incredible for us to share in the glory of God, I think that is when all the world passes away but then again I don't know, God may share his own glory right now through those who believe; I will never limit God, he can do what pleases him, and if he wants to share his glory now then praise be to his glorious name.

Romans-5:2-Good-News-Translation

He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live. And so we boast of the hope we have of sharing God's glory!

Hope sometimes reads like your hoping something will happen but it does not mean that entirely; hope means –to expect, trust, anticipate, look forward to, expectation, optimism, and anticipation.

So we boast in the hope, expectation, the trust, the anticipation, we look forward to with optimism and anticipation of sharing in that wondrous glory of God because he said it again in this scripture also, he confirms his word numerous times to us who look for and believe in his wonderful promises and secretes revealed.

Lately I have discovered that we can read the bible from at least two different perspectives; a negative perspective and a positive perspective, a side that the Holy Spirit teaches, as promised by Jesus before he left earth for heaven. And I have discovered two new Bibles that I never

used before which give a beautiful loving gentle side to the word of God, and expresses the loving nature of God in a more positive way than some other translations.

I love my own Bible, 'The Way Bible;' because that is the Bible that God's Spirit began teaching me from and then the King James Version and then the Amplified Bible; all these Bibles I have studied from and corresponded with scriptures making sure I was getting the proper meaning to what God is saying, and over the last few years I have been using multi Bibles from a site called 'Bible Gateway.com' a great Bible resource, and I have access to over fifteen Bibles and more, and I use them checking out each Bible against another's translation, and they all say the same thing except some phrase things differently but the context is the same in all, just the wording is different in some things; they don't contradict but enhance each other. And I have come to love the word because I realise the word of God is a living word and the word is Jesus and as I embrace the word, I embrace Jesus; as I study the word I learn to know how the mind of Jesus thinks because it is expressed in the word, and when I read it as directed by the Holy Spirit it explodes like a firecracker in my mind and I see pure love being poured out from it to me and to all God's children and I long to pass on what I see coming out of the pages towards me and filling me and I am so deliriously happy, I have God inside of me I have the Holy Trinity inside of me actually and I am filled with God and all he is.

Four

If you're going to share the glory then you must be prepared to share the suffering.

Sharing the glory of God is for eternity, we will always be in his awesome glory as his glory radiates out from him we will be there in it for all of heaven to see, what an amazing thought to hold on to, and it was in sharing in his Fathers glory that gave Jesus the courage to endure the suffering men put him through, did you notice when you read the scriptures there are not one incident of Jesus having as much as a headache. Sickness is from your enemy as Jesus said, he is a thief who comes to steal kill and destroy. Jesus didn't come to steal kill and destroy, no- he said he came to give life in all its fullness and he healed the sick. So I want you to remove from your mind the thoughts that sickness and disease is suffering for Jesus, or suffering like Jesus. Sickness is from evil and Jesus is love incarnate. You have to understand that sickness is not suffering as God talks of suffering in his word. Suffering is being rejected for Jesus, suffering is being mocked and laughed at by your mother, father, brothers and sisters and friends and workmates and those around you, this is the suffering that God expects you to share with Jesus because when people mock and deride you because of Jesus name then you have won a victory for Jesus. In the book of James we see the divide between suffering and sickness.

James 5-13-Amplified Bible (AMP)

Is anyone among you afflicted (ill-treated, suffering evil)? He should pray. Is anyone glad at heart? He should sing praise [to God]. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders (the spiritual guides). And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name. ¹⁵And the prayer [that is] of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Afflicted, {suffering severe pain or disease.} {English dictionary} You can see from this scripture alone that the Bible, God's word separates suffering from sickness and calls it evil. Then it says to call the elders of the church to come pray with the sick person and expect them to be healed. It tells the person who is suffering to pray. And as he prays or she prays they should ask God for grace to endure what others are causing them to suffer, by their ill-treatment of them and they should forgive those who cause them to suffer.

When you belong to Christ Jesus you will be mocked treated with disdain ridiculed laughed at and even assaulted or in many cases killed because of your belief and confession of Jesus as Lord.

Just last week a friend of mine, at work, was asked to pray with a man with a deformed finger, and he said, 'ok and it will get healed;' all of his workmates made a mockery of him, some got angry, 'saying who do you think you are,' when he said, 'Jesus will heal him.'

But he insisted that the man's deformed finger would be healed if he prayed with him, so they agreed to pray after work with the man, but after work the man never showed up to be prayed with, but my friend and lots of his fellow workers who are not believers showed up, and he prayed with a man who had pains in his leg and God healed the man in front of all the workers, but they left when they knew the man with the deformed finger didn't show.

The truth and reality in this incident was those men secretly wanted to witness a miracle, in their hearts they desired to witness a miracle and failed to see their workmate with pain in his leg got healed in front of them, a miracle, but you can't see pain, so they doubted if the man with pain was healed or not. But each one that turned up was expecting something to happen, and it wasn't just so they could make a laugh of my friend, it was the spirit of God calling to them to come.

My friend was relieved when he didn't show, but he was willing to make the effort to command that deformed figure to be healed anyway, no matter what would have happened. He showed up in front of all those workmates willing to suffer humiliation for the name of Jesus; he had supernatural faith working inside of him, because he was willing to suffer for Jesus name, and that finger would have been healed because no matter what his feelings were he was willing to give it a try.

Just like Peter was the only one who wanted to walk on water out to Jesus, you can mock Peter for doubting all you like but would you have got out of the boat in the middle of a storm and try to walk on water, the other apostles sat there hoping they would not sink and there was Peter getting out of the boat and was actually walking on the water for a little while before he looked at the height of the swell of the water and took his eyes off Jesus.

Suffering for Jesus is the first thing a Christian is hit with the very moment they become Christian's, their friends will laugh at them, calling them names, making fun of them, and they will begin to avoid them, because when a person becomes a Christian they receive Jesus inside them and those people of this world can sense there is something different about them, and the darkness in them can sense the light of the world in them and they don't like that light because it exposes their darkness.

We are to rejoice when others mock or ridicule us or cause us suffering, there will be difficulties because you now have an enemy who hates you with a heart filled with venom, and he will try to destroy you or at least try to get you to turn away from God; he will use everything he can to wipe you out. Living for Jesus and God is not an easy thing it is fraught with temptations and danger but look at the reward! You will share his glory for all to see, you share in all that God gives to his people, every blessing and gift are yours and to crown it all you are called to share his awesome splendid glory for eternity; this suffering will pass, the temptation will always be there but you have the power in you to resist the enemy when he attacks because you have the name of Jesus.

James 4-7-King James Version (KJV)

Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil and he will flee from you in terror.

Your greatest enemy will flee from you in terror when you draw close to your Father God in recognition of all he has done for and through you, and you humble yourself before him, then afterwards you can turn and confront the enemy and command him to get away from you in Jesus name and he will flee in terror from you. No matter what the enemy does to you no matter how bad things get, even if it looks like you will be wiped out don't give in or don't give up keep your eyes on Jesus and keep commanding the enemy to get off your situation in Jesus name and he will flee from "You" 'in terror.' And even if the enemy defeats you in a battle God promises to turn it to good later on so you win anyway, if you give your defeat to God to use for his glory.

Romans-8:17-GOD'S-WORD-Translation

If we are his children, we are also God's heirs. If we share in Christ's suffering in order to share his glory, we are heirs together with him.

The enemy hates God, he hates Jesus, he hates every angel and heavenly being in heaven, he once belonged there, and he hates you because you have replaced him as favourite in heaven, he was once the greatest angel in heaven until his pride got the better of him and he thought he was better than God. So he is going to attack you at every opportunity to try and get you to renounce God; he will cause sickness on your body, he will even try and kill you or a loved one, he will attack your car or machines in your home trying to get you to curse God. He will try and stop your prayers from being answered by fighting against your angel who has been sent with your answer, {see the book of Daniel}

But you are an heir of God, you will inherit the blessings the promises that God promised; you are seated in heaven already, you stand in that place of highest privilege in Jesus. All that God gave to his son Jesus is now yours, because an heir only receives what was promised in the will after the person who made the will died, and Jesus died for you and me and we are in that will, It is awesome to share in the suffering of Jesus and that means sharing the suffering with others in the body of Christ, but you will share his glory for eternity, isn't that incredible, I will share in the glory of God because he says it not me, he tells us clearly in his word we will share his glory. Suffering for God is worth it for the promise of sharing his glory forever and forever.

Five

The mystery of God's wisdom

1-Corinthians-2:7-GOD'S-WORD-Translation

we speak about the mystery of God's wisdom. It is a wisdom that has been hidden, which God had planned for our glory before the world began.

It is a wondrous blessing to share in God's glory and he also planned for us to **receive glory, a glory of our own**, and so that no man can say they earned it or deserved it he planned it all before the foundation of the world before man existed. Ephesians-1-4; Up until now this was secrete but now it pleases God to reveal his secretes to his children and there are even more amazing secrets to be revealed yet when God's time is ready.

In all of these things it is to God that all the glory belongs, no man can claim this glory of God, and no man deserves the glory of God to be shared with him or her, no matter how great a person you are, no matter how holy you appear to be or are in yourself. This was an act of God's perfect will and so it is unto him that we need to show forth his glory and his praises, for he is worthy to be praised.

Philippians-4:20-King-James-Version

Now unto God and our Father is the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Our God has done amazing things for us, he forgives us our sins, he restores us to himself, he adopts us as his very own children, he makes us holy, pure, spotless and forever perfect in his sight, he is building us up into his body, living building stones, he has raised us up into heaven with him and we stand in that place of highest privilege, he calls us his own children and made us equal with Christ Jesus, God deserves glory for all this, it is his awesome plan from before the beginning.

Let no man rob you by saying God does not share his glory with us, that was Old Testament living but now we have a new more exciting way and that way is Jesus who done for us all god planned, and to Christ Jesus be the glory forever and ever.

Amen

Hebrews-13:20-Good-News-Translation

[Closing Prayer] God has raised from death our Lord Jesus, who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep as the result of his blood, by which the eternal covenant is sealed. "May the God of peace provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will, and may he, through Jesus Christ, do in us what pleases him. And to Christ be the glory forever and ever! Amen."

**Thank you Jesus, thank you Holy Spirit, Thank you Father, my heart is yours.
Amen.**