

THE BIG IDEA: The Glory of Christ transforms every aspect of our life.The Take-Off

Have you ever had one person in your life, who you thought was simply amazing? Honestly, I have found that people tend to become more and more like someone when they believe that someone is special. For a brief moment, I would like for you to think about the time when you first started dating or when you first started dating the person you would eventually marry. I would bet that in the beginning you saw everything that they did as an awesome part of your life. In fact, I would bet that you began to transform into someone who was more and more like the other as days went by. You allowed their interest to become your interest, and you actually gave them the unspoken authority to transform you into someone you weren't necessarily trying to be. It just happened because you were so focused on them and then the transformation began.

Well this actually happened to a few guys, but unlike dating transformations, this transformation changed the world for all eternity. You see, in the scripture we are looking at today, Jesus is transfigured into His holy nature. In Christ transfiguration, we see that He transformed three aspect of the three disciples who were with Him. We will then look at how the Glory of Christ transforms us, in those same areas.

Here's number one...

1. The Glory of Christ transforms our vision

- 1.1. When the three disciples were sleeping, they had no knowledge of Christ glory
- 1.2. The glory of Christ woke up the sleepy disciples.
- 1.3. Once the disciples woke up, they saw the glory of Christ clearly.
- 1.4. The glory of Christ transformed their vision from the sleepy blurriness to the clear view of Christ in His glory.
- 1.5. How has the glory of Christ transformed our vision?
 - 1.5.1. Vision is not just the things which we see, but rather includes our purpose.
 - 1.5.2. The Church has a purpose, Near God, Near Man, Making Disciples.
 - 1.5.3. When will I allow the glory of Christ to wake me from my Christian stupor?
 - 1.5.4. My daily walk with Christ reflects either my Christian stupor, or the glory of Christ that has transformed me.

I have found that if my vision is not transformed by the glory of Christ, then I fail to move in the way in which Christ seeks to move me. I fail to change positions!

2. The Glory of Christ transforms our position

- 2.1. The cloud of God, overshadowed the misunderstanding of Peter. This happens to me a lot.
- 2.2. The glory of Christ moved the disciples from a place of utter beauty to a place of fear.
- 2.3. The question we must ask is, "are we in this place/position because the glory of Christ has transformed us to move here, or are we here out of complacency?"
- 2.4. If we transform our position without vision from God, then we are glorifying ourselves not sharing the glory of Christ with others.
- 2.5. A transformed vision, takes us from our comfort, and places us in a position to be led by the voice of God.
- 2.6. Last night, I was out eating and the waitress asked about my tattoo on my chest, really just about the pain. That lead to a conversation about my next, which allowed me to share with her that my life was meant to live in a way that God receives all the glory.
- 2.7. The Glory of Christ transformed my position to speak with someone who I would not have had the chance to share with before.

When you were dating that person who transformed the way you did things, there was a part of you offering up your authority to be transformed, right? Well, Christ not only wants to transform you but He deserves all authority to transform you.

3. The Glory of Christ transforms our view of authority

- 3.1. The disciples experienced two of the great pillars of the Christian faith who had come to speak with Jesus, Moses and Elijah.
- 3.2. When God spoke, He made exceptionally clear whom should be placed in the highest position of authority.
- 3.3. Peter went from trying to make a place for all three to listening to Christ, because the Glory of Christ brought about the voice of God, which transformed the disciple's view of authority.
- 3.4. With all the political junk going on, people are constantly worried about what leader will be in the seat of authority over the United States of America.
- 3.5. Some want this one, others want the other, and very few people express that the ultimate authority comes from Christ.
- 3.6. Is this due to our distorted view of authority or are we relying on Christ to provide?
- 3.7. God did not send Moses and Elijah to speak to the disciples, rather they were sent to speak with Jesus.
- 3.8. God then clarifies that the disciples should listen to Christ.

The Landing

So we have experienced the different ways in which the glory of Christ transformed the disciples and we have even spoke of how His glory should transform us. But have you truly been transformed by the glory of Christ? Is your vision, one of purpose to show the glory of Christ to others? Are you allowing the glory of Christ to transform your position? Are you moved by the glory of Christ, even when it may be frightening? Finally, have you been transformed in your view of authority? Maybe Christ has not been placed in that ultimate role of authority in your life? Maybe you are still listening to the great people in your life, but you need to be listening to the ultimate source of authority.

Let's pray.