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## "The Glory of the Son"

### *Digging Deeper Into Glory*

#### God's definition of his glory (his name)

Exodus 33:18-23; 34:5-7

- Two dimensions of God's glory
  - Revelation of **character** (Ex. 34:5-7)
    - Goodness
    - The LORD
    - Merciful, gracious, loving, faithful
    - Slow to anger
    - Forgiving
    - Just – will not let the guilty go unpunished

- Revelation of **radiance** (Exodus 34:29-30)
  - Moses' face shone with the unapproachable light that he was surrounded by
  - Others were afraid of the radiance that was shining on him
  - Transfiguration – Matthew 17:6 – the disciples were terrified with the radiance that they saw
  - Isaiah 6; Ezekiel 10:4
- God is actively communicating his glory
  - Habbakuk 2:14
  - Through creation (Psalm 19; Matthew 6:28-29)
  - Through Jesus (John 1:14)

### **Glorious Son (v.1, 5)**

- *Glorify* – 'to make his attributes known'
- Jesus is asking the Father for the revelation of his glory...the revelation of his character and radiance.

### **The 'hour'**

## Glorious Work (v.2, 4)

Revelation of character of God:

- Goodness (Titus 3:4)
- Power and wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- Mercy and grace (Titus 3:5; Titus 2:11-14)
- Love (Romans 5:8)
- Forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7)
- Justice (Romans 3:23-26)
- Holiness (2 Corinthians 5:21)

"We see God's sovereignty in the way in which the death of Christ was planned, promised, and then executed, without the slightest deviation from the prophecies of the Old Testament. We see God's justice in sin actually being punished. Without the cross God could have forgiven our sin gratuitously (to speak from a human perspective), but it would not have been just. Only in Christ is that justice satisfied. We see God's righteousness in recognition of the fact that only Jesus, the righteous One, could pay sin's penalty. We see God's wisdom in the planning and ordering of such a great salvation. We see his love, for it is only at the cross that we know beyond doubt that God loves us even as he loves Jesus"

*James Montgomery Boice*

Revelation of Radiance:

- The resurrection...the light has shone

## Glorious Knowledge (v.3)

*Knowledge is of God through Christ*

"We must know the Son as well as the Father. God known without Christ is a Being whom we can only fear, and dare not approach. ... The knowledge He means is a knowledge which dwells in the heart as well as in the head, and influences life. A true saint is one who 'knows the Lord.' To know God on the one hand – His holiness, His purity, His hatred of sin; and to know Christ on the other hand – His redemption, His mediatorial office, His love to sinners – are the two grand foundations of saving religion"

*J.C. Ryle*

- *Jesus' sacrifice enables knowledge*  
Leviticus 9:6
- *Knowledge is the result of Jesus' work*  
Jeremiah 31:34
- *Knowledge is discovered in beholding*  
2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:6