

## Understanding Glory

Review: Our Unity is not in doctrine or activity, but in how we Position our Hearts. (1 Pe 3:8)  
The correct Heart Position in the midst of Persecution  
creates opportunity for the Gospel. (1 Pe 3:15-16)

Story: **Jn 17:20-22** Conversation

“I will pour out My Glory, and everyone will be Wrong.”

What does His Glory look like? (Ex33:18)

(**Ex 34:6**) “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

**God’s Glory is the Position of His Heart!**

“Wrong” = in our Understanding of His Heart

Two Guardrails: Justice and Mercy

(**Ex 34:7**) “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.”

only the Cross allows both to be satisfied (God is good, love, just - all of them always)

Two Errors: Unrighteous Mercy, Unloving Justice

(**Mal 2:17**) “You have wearied the LORD with your words; yet you say, “In what way have we wearied Him?” In that you say, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them,” or, “Where is the God of justice?”

each one must influence the other

Job’s error - Justice Denied by God (Job 19:6-7)

didn’t understand (Job 42:3) - delay, purpose

Israel’s error - Just Claim Passed Over by God (Isa 40:27)

didn’t understand (Isa 40:28) - turned to reliance on idols  
called to Intimacy, then Justice (Isa 40:31-41:2)

Justice must be influenced by His Heart Position

2 Cor 10:6 obedience = mind conformed to Christ’s (2 Cor 10:3-5)

He is Patient

with sinners - “Divine Longsuffering” before Flood (1 Pe 3:19)

with us Conforming to His Heart - “bearing long with His elect” (Lk 18:7) in cry for Justice

**Cry for Justice must come from a Heart Position of Mercy!**

Jam 2:13 (1 Pe 4:17), Heb 12:24 (Gen 4:10)

His Heart in us looks like the Sermon on the Mount (rules to heart positions)

(**Mt 5:43-45**) <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

<sup>45</sup>“that you may be sons of your Father in heaven

(Pr 24:17-20) <sup>17</sup>Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; <sup>18</sup>lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him. <sup>19</sup>Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the wicked; <sup>20</sup>for there will be no prospect for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

Calamity for our enemies is an Opportunity for them (God's mercy)

He will interrupt Justice in preference to our Heart (bearing long with us)

don't envy "getting away with it", no Injustice will ever be overlooked (longsuffering)

Understanding Glory this way (Ex 34:6) helps us understand some verses...

Ps 149:6-9 Justice built on Ps 149:4-5 Humility, Joyful in Glory

2 Cor 3:18 (context: Moses' glory vs Spirit's) transformed by Beholding His Glory

Gal 4:19 What does "Christ formed in us" look like? (more than salvation, HS baptism)

Is He formed in you? Is He being formed in you?

Our Cry for Justice is to God (Prayer), not men (complaining - Israel's error)

Social Media is training us to Value expressing our Opinion

Holy Spirit wants to train us to Value expressing God's Heart