

# ARE YOU READY?

## What Will It Be Like in the Millennium?

### Part 2

The way we live now as disciples of the Lord will be important when we get there!

So...**Are You Ready?** Firstly...

### C. Are You Ready For Glory?

#### 1. We will be Glorified

##### a. Destined for Glory

- We will be with Lord in Glory

*'For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then **you also will appear with Him in glory.**'* Colossians 3:3-4

- This will happen for us at the Rapture (when He appears)
- Or at our death - absent from the body, present with the Lord

*'And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, **today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"* Luke 23:43

- We will be glorified!

*'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.'* 1 John 3:2

- We will be like Yeshua is - as He is now in His risen, ascended and glorified body
- Not only are we destined for God's Glorious Presence - but will we ourselves be like Yeshua - in a glorified body

##### b. It is Certain

- It Doesn't Depend on Us - through faith and by grace
- There is a 'Golden Chain of Redemption'

*'For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined,*

*these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.*  
*Romans 8:29-30*

▪ **The Golden Chain of Redemption**

➤ **Predestined to be 'Conformed to His Image'**

- **Not just here on earth** - where we are being sanctified (made holy)
- Through His blood *Hebrews 13:12*
- By the washing of water by the word *Ephesians 5:26*
- **But also in the Eternal** - we shall be like Him

➤ **Foreknown - Predestined - Called - Justified - Glorified**

- **Foreknowledge** - all at God's initiative and will
  - Does Not Depend on Us - He Does It
- **Predestined** - foreordained *Ephesians 1:5, 11*
  - ...God knows the end from the beginning, for He is outside of time
- **Called** - called out, called forth, chosen - through the gospel...to glory, to holiness, to fellowship with Him *1 Thessalonians 2:12, 4:14, 1 Peter 2:9*
- **Justified** - by faith, made and declared righteous (declared innocent)...by the blood of Yeshua *Romans 5:1, 9*
- **Glorified** - made and esteemed glorious, honoured, magnified ...that the Son and the Father may be glorified *John 13:31-32, 17:10*
- **No break in this chain**

➤ **The 'missing link' of Sanctification is missing because it is conditional** - it depends on our co-operation with the work of the Holy Spirit in us - but this only affects our eternal reward not our eternal destiny

c. **We Can Live in Full Assurance**

*‘Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart **in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and **so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**’*

*Hebrews 10:19-25*

- **We are not meant to live in uncertainty - of our salvation, or of our eternal destiny**
- **Certainty of Salvation - God has done it all...it is finished!**
- **Sure of our Destiny - we will be with Yeshua in His millennial rule - but what we will do depends upon our faithfulness now**

## 2. Glorified - What Does It Mean?

### a. The Glory of the Father

- **The Weight of His Glory - (Hebrew: *kabod*) meaning weight - Unable to stand or to perform ritual service in the presence of His glory and awestruck at the holiness of His glory      2  
*Chronicles 5:13-14, 7:1-3***

- **The Awesome Holiness of His Glory      *Isaiah 6:1-4***

Isaiah sees the Lord on His throne in all His glory...and is undone

### b. The Glory of the Son

- **The Radiance of His Glory**

*‘Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was **transfigured** before them. **His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.**’      *Matthew 17:1-2**

- **Transfigured (Greek: *metamorphoo*) changed / transformed**
- **Face shining like the sun**
- **Clothes white as light**

- **The Grace and Truth of His Glory**

*‘And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.**’      *John 1:14**

**Grace and Truth are the mark of the Glory of The Son**

- The Disciples Saw His Glory - His grace and truth
- Glory 'contained' in flesh
- Glory revealing Grace - the Lamb of God
- Glory revealing Truth - the Word of God

- Yeshua Reveals the Father's Glory

*'So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now **the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.** If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.'*  
*John 13:31-32*

- Now...at the time of His imminent crucifixion
- The Father will glorify Himself in the Son
- We too are to reveal the Father's glory, by being transformed into His Son's image

### c. The Risen Glorified Yeshua

- In Bodily Form

*'Now as they said these things, **Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them**, and said to them, "Peace to you." But **they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.** And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for **a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**"'*  
*Luke 24:36-39*

- Not a Spirit (disembodied)
- Flesh and Bone - interestingly Yeshua does not say 'flesh & blood' (Pauls says flesh and blood shall not inherit)
- Incorruptible *1 Corinthians*  
*15:35-58*
- Recognisable

- Multidimensional

*'Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, **when the doors were shut** where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood in the midst**, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, **He showed them His hands and His side.** Then the disciples were glad when **they saw the Lord.**'*  
*John 20:19-20*

- Entered the room when the doors were shut
- Yet in bodily form - bearing the nail-prints

- Recognisable
- Glory is Multidimensional, like the New Jerusalem

A recognisable, yet multidimensional, body is the mark of the risen and ascended and glorified Messiah

d. We shall be Like Him (Yeshua)

*'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.'*  
*1 John 3:2*

- Risen & Ascended - Incorruptible and Immortal
- In Bodily Form - Flesh & Bone; not a Spirit
- Recognisable - we will be recognisable too
- Multidimensional - hence our access to our home in the New Jerusalem

e. Creation Awaits the Revelation of the Glory in the 'Sons of God'

*'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because **the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**.'*  
*Romans 8:18-21*

- What Paul speaks of - is Fulfilled in the Millennium
- Glory to be 'Revealed in Us' - sons of God (Hebrew: *bene HaElohim*)... that is direct creations of God (Born Again)
- Creation's Bondage will be Released - restoration and renewal
- Glorious Liberty - Creation no longer subject to the curse

➤ Under the rule and reign of Yeshua

So...[Are You Ready?](#)

3. Preparing for Glory - what should we be doing now?

a. The Veil of Moses

*'Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that **Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him**. So when*

Aaron and all **the children of Israel saw Moses**, behold, the skin of his face shone, and **they were afraid to come near him**.

But **whenever Moses went in before the Lord** to speak with Him, **he would take the veil off** until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. And **whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses**, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then **Moses would put the veil on his face** again, until he went in to speak with Him.' Exodus 34:29-30, 34-35

- He had been with the Lord - and revealed God's glory
- His shining face - caused Aaron etc. to fear, hence the veil
- The veil was removed in the Holy Place - spend time in God's presence

#### b. Our Unveiled Faces

*Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech — unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless **when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away**. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But **we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.***

*2 Corinthians 3:12-18*

Paul gives us an insight into preparing for glory:

- **Glory - showing that we have been with the Lord**
  - Spending time with the Lord
  - Worship & Adoration
  - In the Holy Place we Receiving Instruction (Moses... Torah)
  - Contrast - Israel (veil remains)  
Yeshua's disciples (unveiled)

But note, still the 'glory' pertains (belongs) to Israel *Romans 9:4*

- **Unveiled Faces**
  - Open...not hiding - honest with the Lord
  - Beholding the Glory of God
  - In Liberty - by grace and mercy, not law-keeping

### c. Being Changed (Transformed...Transfigured)

*'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.'* Romans 12:1-2

- Change - a continual process - living sacrifices
- Change - by dwelling in His presence and by His in-dwelling presence
- Change - renewal of our minds (our thinking)
- Change - into His likeness...from one degree of glory to another
- Change - by the Spirit of the Lord (*Ruach HaKodesh*)
  - The Fruit of the Spirit - how much evidence?
  - The Gifts of the Spirit (*Charisma*) - how much grace?
  - Holiness is the mark of the Spirit in our lives

### d. Giving Glory to God

*'For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.'* Romans 11:36

- It is God's glory - we, like Yeshua, are to reveal the Father's glory
- Revealing God's glory by our lives (words and deeds)
- The Revelation of God's glory impacts unbelievers - their lives, their thinking and their spirit

**Get Ready NOW** - Live NOW revealing the Father's Glory

## D. Are You Ready For The Marriage?

### 1. We are Betrothed to the Bridegroom

*For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have **betrothed** you to one husband, that I may present you as **a chaste virgin to Christ**.*

*2 Corinthians 11:2*

- a. Betrothal - Not like 'Engagement' more like our 'Marriage' - in our services:

- **Betrothal & Marriage** ('Will you have' / 'Do you take'...this woman)
- **We are Betrothed Now** - so we should act like it

#### b. Spiritual - It Happened at our Spiritual Birth

- **We died - Dead to the Law...so we can be married to Yeshua - Dead to the World...raised to a new life in Yeshua**  
*Romans 7:1-6*
- **Betrothed...a Chaste Virgin** - *sometimes difficult for men to relate to this* - pure and devoted to the bridegroom, not going after another

#### c. Yeshua is our Bridegroom

- **John the Immerser refers to Yeshua as the Bridegroom** *John 3:28-29*
- **Yeshua refers to Himself as the Bridegroom**  
*Matthew 9:15; Mark 2:19; Luke 5:34*
- **The Bridegroom Loves the Betrothed** *Ephesians 5:25*
- **Note** - the whole body (the true church) is the betrothed - so we must love each other...and be one

***Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.***  
*1 Peter 1:22-23*

- **Note** - Israel is the Lord's (Yehovah's) wife - Israel and the Church have different origins and different futures. But we will be 'one new man in the eternal kingdom': see *Isaiah 54:6, 62:4-5; Hosea 2:16-20*, etc.

## 2. The Marriage Supper is Coming Soon

- The Bridegroom will Come Suddenly for His Betrothed** *Matthew 25:6*
  - Yeshua's parable of the wise and foolish virgins is instructive
  - The betrothed had better be ready!

#### b. Marriage - is the Consummation of the Betrothal

- Example of the Jewish wedding custom
- The time when the bridegroom and the betrothed **become one**
- The time when the bridegroom and the betrothed **live together**
- **Thereafter - always one and always together**

### c. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

*‘And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**” And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”’ Revelation 19:6-9*

- **It happens in heaven - after the rapture - before Yeshua’s return to rule & reign - when He returns we come with him as His bride**

His wife made herself ready - So...[Are You Ready?](#)

## 3. Preparing for our Marriage - what should we be doing now?

**Key Passage: Ephesians 5:25-28**

### a. The Washing of Water by the Word

*‘Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might **sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,**’  
Ephesians 5:25-26*

- **The Bridegroom Sanctifies and Cleanses the Betrothed - by the Washing of Water (Ruach HaKodesh) - by the Word (Scripture)**
- **Get Washed - Stay Clean**

### b. Purity - No Imperfections - a beautiful bride

*‘That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having **spot** or **wrinkle** or any such thing, but that she should be **holy** and **without blemish.**’ Ephesians 5: 27*

- **Without Spot - unstained, spots can go deep - we need deep cleansing for our spots, even though we’ve been justified through Yeshua’s blood**
- **No Wrinkles - no surface imperfections that mar the appearance - no lifestyle habits that defile**

- **Holy - set apart** - not 'playing around'...dedicated to Yeshua, pure
- **Without Blemish - blameless and faultless**

All these are the work of the Bridegroom - it is He who does this by the Holy Spirit and by His Word - we have to co-operate in this process (sanctification)

### c. Preparing to be completely One with Him

*'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh.**' This is **a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church***  
*Ephesians 5:31-32*

- **One - United, no longer separate** - our earthly marriages are a physical representation of a spiritual truth fulfilled in the millennium
- **Arrayed in fine linen** - garments of righteousness

*'And to her it was granted to be **arrayed in fine linen**, clean and bright, for the fine linen is **the righteous acts of the saints.**'*  
*Revelation 19:8*

- **Our righteous acts have an eternal impact** - an encouragement to be dedicated in righteous acts

### d. When He Returns (We Come With Him) - To Battle

*'And the armies in heaven, clothed in **fine linen, white and clean**, followed Him on white horses.*  
*Revelation 19:14*

- **Note - the fine linen white and clean** - as of the bride, decorated through our righteous acts - so live righteously
- **Note - the white horses** - we are like the Bridegroom, He rides... we ride, He rules & reigns...we rule & reign
- **A Warrior Husband with a Warrior Bride** - but He does all the fighting
- **In This Life we are in a Spiritual Battle**
  - **Preparation for the Millennium**
  - **Learn how to fight** 2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:12
  - **Put on the armour** Ephesians 6:13-18

### e. A New Home

*‘Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “**Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.**” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, **and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem,** descending out of heaven from God, **having the glory of God.** Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.’*  
Revelation 21:9-11

- John is shown the Bride - and He sees a City
- The City has the Glory of God - the bride has the bridegroom’s glory
- Adorned with Light - the bridegroom adorns the bride
- Live Now as ‘not of this world’

*I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they **are not of the world**, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.***  
John 17:14-16

- We are not of this world - just like Yeshua
- Living now as not belonging to this world, its agendas. Its preoccupations, its attractions
- Live now as belonging to the Bridegroom... betrothed

***For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,** according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*  
Philippians 3:20

- Our citizenship is in heaven
- Note the reference to being like Yeshua...glorified

**Get Ready NOW** - Live NOW as a betrothed chaste virgin - for whom the Bridegroom is coming soon! ... and Suddenly!

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