



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

Luke's point, then, is not that Jesus experienced an internal adjustment of some sort that led to his transformed appearance, but that his inner being was made transparent to those who accompanied him. In other words, the change Luke describes is a disclosure of Jesus' status—not to Jesus, who already exercised authority on God's behalf and, in any case, seems unconcerned about such issues; not to Luke's audience, who already knows that Jesus is God's Son by way of his miraculous conception (1:31–35); but to Jesus' followers. ~Joel Green, *The Gospel of Luke*

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ~Exodus 13:21

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen." ~Exodus 33:18-23

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ~John 17:1-5

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## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

## Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #26

**Question:** What else does Christ's death redeem?

**Answer:** Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

## Welcoming Each Other

## Giving Worship to God: Offering

## Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 9.28-36, 2 Peter 1.16-21*

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure [fn: lit. exodus], which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

## Sermon: *Seeing and Hearing Jesus' Glory*

Outline:

1. We Can See, Understand, and Hear the Glory of Jesus, v. 29 (see), 31 (understand), 35 (hear)
2. What is the Payoff of Knowing the Glory of Jesus?
3. How Do We Come to Know Jesus' Glory?

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

Lord, we know with our minds that Jesus is the Messiah who laid down His life in our place (Luke 9:20-22). But we confess we often do not know His glory (Luke 9:29). We often do not consider that He rescued us in a much greater way than even when You parted the Red Sea. Forgive us.

Father, our creeds are important, but we also believe that Jesus has a glory that goes beyond the capacity of human words. Show us His glory! Our sun would be terrifying if it were much closer to us at all; how much more unspeakable to perceive just a fraction more of the Son's full glory. Spirit, we don't seek mystical experiences for our gratification, but let us see Jesus' bright shining glory with eyes of faith in prayer, with hearts to hear in the Scriptures, that we might walk with greater conviction, love, and worship.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ... <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, ... <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Rev. 1.10-18

#### **Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord's Supper**

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection to receive the bread and cup as a tangible sign to remember and be strengthened by His Gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him. While Jesus spent time with everyone, he also shared the bread and cup only with those who followed him. Children who have not yet become *communing members* should not take the bread and cup but talk with our pastor or an elder about their personal faith.

We are currently celebrating the Lord's Supper by remaining seated, with time to personally remember Jesus' death and resurrection for us with the bread and cup. Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

\*Juice is in the outer ring; wine is in inner rings.

#### **Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup (Prayer for Those Searching for Truth)**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and let me know the reality of your love and glory. Give me an understanding of you that is captivating, convincing—that leads to You Yourself and the life You promise. Amen.

#### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

##### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20–21)

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#### **Announcements:**

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy III. Starts 7/5/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
  - Starting 7/5/21, our COVID policy is that masks are optional. (Please see our website for more details.)
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  - Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  - Send a physical check
  - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.



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