

For Love and Glory (Part 2)

1. Text

- a. John 17:22-26 [22] "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; [23] I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. [24] "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. [25] "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; [26] and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

2. Coming up

- a. 11/10 Wrap up John 17
- b. 11/17 Divine sovereignty and human responsibility
- c. 11/24 Revelation study (~2mo)
- d. 12/15 Guest preacher (Albert Cisneros)
- e. 12/22 Christmas sermon (Micah 5)
- f. 1/5 New Year's sermon (Ps. 127)

3. Intro

- a. Five facets of Jesus' prayer:
 - i. Church, Mission, Godliness, Love, and Glory
- b. As a single statement
 - i. Jesus prays for the church (Church) that we would reach the lost (Mission) through our godly testimony (Godliness) so that more would come to taste of the special love of God (Love) and behold the glory of God in Christ (Glory).
- c. Love last time; Glory this time
- d. What is glory?
 - i. What people go to see at a concert of their favorite musician or a sporting event featuring their favorite athlete.
 - 1. People pay an obscene amount of money for the event.

2. Or they stand in line for hours sometimes even for days to get a chance to see their hero.
- ii. They do this because they want to see the performer in their element. In short, they want to see their glory.
- iii. There is no more spectacle than the glory of the exalted Son of God incarnate. This is what Jesus prays that we will behold one day.
- iv. But in these verses, there is another glory about which Jesus prays.
- v. Explore these two glories in these verses.

4. Overview

- a. There are two glories Jesus talks about in this prayer:
 - i. Given Glory (v22, "I have given to them")
 1. Glory Christ gives to God's elect
 2. Glory we are to receive
 3. Present Glory: Glory of Christ for us in the present age
 - ii. Beheld/seen Glory (v24, "they may see My glory")
 1. Glory Christ will show God's elect in heaven
 2. Glory we will behold in heaven
 3. Future Glory: Glory of Christ for us in the age to come

5. Present Glory

- a. John 17:22 [22] The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.
- b. "they may be one" = not only relational unity or missional unity but unity of character
- c. This unity of character cannot be achieved by the flesh or by human effort.
 - i. It can only come by the supernatural intervention of God.
 - ii. You can't bear the fruit of the Spirit by your own effort.
 1. Sure you can show a little more patience than before. Sure you can show a little more kindness than before. But you cannot manifest the glory of Christ.
 2. People may see a little more patience, but that's a far cry from patience and kindness of Jesus, which the Spirit produces in us.
 3. This requires some serious heavy lifting by the Holy Spirit.

4. We may be able to kick a few bad habits and learn the discipline of some better ones, but we cannot change the fundamental problem in the heart.
 - a. Matt. 15:19-20 [19] "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. [20] "These are the things which defile the man..."
5. That inner transformation is the work of God and no man can manufacture it. It only comes through the provision of God.
 - iii. This provision is what Jesus refers to when He says He gave His glory to us.
 - d. This language of Jesus giving us His glory sounds strange to us.
 - i. Strange if you think of the eternal glory of Christ in its fullness in heaven (v24). That isn't what Jesus means in v22.
 - ii. Not so strange if you think of a foretaste of Christ's future glory in part or in measure.
 1. 2 Pet. 1:19 [19] a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts
 - a. The "lamp" is the word of God that reveals Christ in this age.
 - b. The "morning star" is Christ who is revealed fully at His coming.
 - iii. Also not so strange if Jesus said His grace, His power, His presence, or His Spirit. Those are not too far removed from the idea of glory here.
 1. The glory speaks of Jesus' character/presence with us, which is communicated to us through the Holy Spirit, who conveys to us the grace and power of God for our sanctification.
 - iv. This glory of Christ we receive is best seen and explained in 2 Cor. 3:18.
 1. Context:
 - a. Surpassing glory of the new covenant revelation compared to the old.
 - b. Surpassing reception of that revelation with unveiled face in the new vs. veiled faces in the old covenant
 - i. Old, "veil lies over their heart" (3:15)

- ii. New, “whenever a person turns toward the Lord, the veil is taken away” (3:16)

2. Text:

- a. 2 Cor. 3:18 [18] 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 from the Lord, the Spirit.

3. Explanation:

- a. “We all” speaks of a universal Christian reality
- b. “Being transformed” speaks of continual action, or progressive sanctification
- c. “Are being transformed” speaks of a present reality in this age
- d. “As in a mirror” speaks of something imperfect as does “glory to glory” (that is, one measure of glory to another).
 - i. “Mirror” describes an imperfect reflection
 - ii. We behold Jesus’ glory in the present age through a medium, an ancient mirror.
 - iii. Distinct from a modern mirror with a high degree of reflection and a very little distortion (invented in the 16th century in Venice)
 - iv. But an ancient mirror of polished metal (bronze) or stone (obsidian, quartz, or marble) with low degree of reflection and a high degree of distortion
- e. Mirror is a metaphor for the word of God
 - i. By means of “the gospel of the glory of Christ” (4:4)
 - ii. Glory of Christ seen in the word of God by the aid of the Spirit (“from the Lord, the Spirit”)
 - iii. Note the parallel between glory and word of God in John 17. Both are from the Father to the Son and from the Son to God’s elect.
- f. It is as we behold the glory of Christ through the word of God in the Holy Spirit that we are sanctified unto Christ-likeness (“being transformed into the same image”).

4. Undergirding principle:

- a. We become like what we gaze upon.
 - b. Even a dim reflection as through an ancient mirror is enough to change us.
- 5. Beholding the glory of Christ changes us.
 - a. We are sanctified as we behold the Lord's beauty
 - i. Philip Ryken, "When we see our Savior's divine glory with our own two eyes, its resplendence will so illuminate us that we will radiate with the glory of God. In short, seeing is becoming! To see Jesus is to become beautiful—as he is. We know this from David's declaration: 'Those who look to him are radiant'" (Ps. 34:5).¹
 - ii. Glory and beauty both refer to the same reality. God's glory fills the tabernacle (Ex. 29:43; 40:34). What is beheld there is God's beauty (Ps. 27:4).
 - b. God makes His elect into a beautiful poem.
 - i. Eph. 2:10 [10] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
 - ii. "workmanship" is the Greek word *poiēma* (ποίημα), from which we derive the English word poem.
 - iii. "We were born to be beautiful—to behold the beauty of our God and to be so transfixed and transformed by it that we become beautiful ourselves."²
 - iv. If sin is ugliness (selfishness, laziness, self-exaltation, selfish ambition, addictive behavior), sanctification is then beautification.
 - v. In sanctification, all the ugliness of sin is replaced by the beauty and the glory of Christ.
- 6. Examples of how the glory of Jesus transforms us:
 - a. Generosity: 2 Cor. 8:9 [9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your

¹ Philip Ryken, *Beauty Is Your Destiny* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2023), 34.

² Ibid. 2.

sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

- i. You cannot go on living a selfish and self-absorbed life. You cannot in good conscience justify greed when Jesus has been immensely generous with you.
 - ii. His generosity makes you a generous person.
 - iii. His grace makes you a gracious person.
- b. Service: Mark 10:45 [45] "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
 - i. When you realize how Jesus has served you to the point of laying down His own life for your redemption, you cannot justify living for yourself. You cannot go on justifying your selfish ambition, self-absorption, self-pity.
 - ii. When you turn your gaze upon Jesus, His beauty changes you.
- c. Patience/Kindness: John 4 (Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman)
 - i. She refused to give Him water. He offered her living water.
 - ii. She questioned His intelligence by pointing out He had no bucket to draw with. Jesus offered eternal life for her soul.
 - iii. When you behold Jesus' patience and gentleness, you cannot justify running a roughshod over someone's head.

7. The secret to sanctification is to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

- a. Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.
- b. [Sovereign Grace Music's adds verses that fill out a little more of Jesus' glory]
- c. Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced

There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

- d. Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the Lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins
- e. Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
'All glory to Jesus alone!'
- f. [we could add many more verses like Charles Wesley did
with "O for the Thousand Tongues," 18 verses!]
- g. *Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.*

8. The remedy for all the flaws in our character is to focus our eyes on Jesus.

- a. Do you lack courage or have the fear of man?
 - i. Look to Jesus and the glory of His fearlessness buttressed by His trust in the Father.
 - ii. Let the strength of the Lion of Judah inspire and embolden you.
- b. Are you swimming in self-pity and downcast by your unfulfilled desires?
 - i. Look to Christ and the glory of His selfless life. He daily lived to serve others, even those who were ungrateful and antagonistic.
 - ii. Learn from Him how to wash others' feet (John 13:14) and look out for others' interest not your own (Phil. 2:3-5).
- c. Are you drawn to worldliness and seeking its acceptance, friendship, respect, and reward?
 - i. Look to Christ who refused Satan when he offered Him all the kingdoms of the earth.

- ii. Look to Him who for the joy set before Him endured the cross despising its shame (Heb. 13:2).
 - iii. Learn from Him who denied Himself, literally took up His cross to fulfill the will of His Father, refusing to gain the world (Matt. 16:22-27).
 - d. This is how we effectively behold the glory of Christ and receive the sanctifying grace of God through the Holy Spirit in your life.
- v. This is also how Christ abides in us.
 - 1. "I in them and You in Me" (17:23)
 - a. This is the result of the present glory of Jesus given to us through the Bible and the Spirit.
 - 2. "and I in them" (17:26)
 - a. This is the result of knowing the only true God (17:3), even His name which Jesus reveals.
 - 3. Christ abides in us as we behold His glory.
 - a. John 15:4-5 [4] Abide in Me and I in You... [5] he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- vi. Example of faith
 - 1. Christian biographies are a nudge to look to Christ.
 - a. God in His grace has given us many men and women of faith who have gone before us as an example for us.
 - b. They have a place in our lives by God's design, that we might learn from their example.
 - i. Phil. 3:17 [17] Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.
 - ii. "The pattern you have in us" speaks of his imitation to Christ: "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" (3:10), to "lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus" (3:12).
 - 2. We are to imitate the main thing, not the incidental thing.

- a. Imitate their likeness to Christ, not other idiosyncrasies (features) that are incidental to what makes them worth imitating.
 - b. Don't be like the juvenile who falls for the TV ads and wrongly thinks that he will play basketball like Michael Jordon if he just had his shoes or swing like Andre Agassi if he just had his racquet.
 - c. Equipment won't make you a great athlete; learning the sport will.
 - d. Even so, when we look at great examples of faith, it is vitally important that we see Christ in them and imitate the features of Christ, not the incidental and fringe details of their lives irrelevant to their likeness to Jesus.
 - e. Imitate the main thing not the minor details, otherwise you'll foolishly squander a lot of energy on empty pursuits.
3. Consider what the great apostle Paul himself said
- a. 1 Cor. 11:1 [1] Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.
4. Always remember that the examples of faith are redeemed sinners.
- a. Only the moon that reflects the radiant sun which is Christ
 - b. No one become a luminary by the light of the moon.
 - c. The moon isn't meant to make another moon.
 - d. The moon is meant to point you to the sun.
 - e. Bask in the radiance of the sun and then you will become a moon yourself.
5. Find in the heroes of the faith likeness to Jesus and imitate Him.
6. They are a fuse that leads you to the explosive example of Christ. Be impressed by the bomb, not by its fuse.
7. Seek the glory of Christ and Christ be more of who you are.
- a. All else is a fool's errand and a dead-end ambition.
 - b. Christ has given us a measure of His glory in this life that our lives would brightly shine His light in the world.
- vii. The glory of Christ by which He abides in us is a foretaste of future glory.

1. Col. 1:27 [27] Christ in you, the hope of glory
 2. What we behold as in a mirror now will one day be overtaken by the fullness of the glory of Christ when we see Him face to face.
 3. Face to Face: 1 Cor. 13:12
 - a. 1 Cor. 13:12 [12] For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.
 - b. What we see in a mirror dimly, we will see face to face.
 4. Glorification: 1 John 3:2
 - a. 1 John 3:2 [2] ... We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
 5. John Owen, "The Vision which we shall have of the Glory of Christ in Heaven, and of the Glory of the immense God in him, is perfectly and absolutely transforming. It doth change us wholly into the Image of Christ."³
- viii. But for now, we see Him in a mirror dimly, and it is enough to progressively sanctify us "from glory to glory" (2 Cor. 3:18), from one measure of glory to the next.
1. But one day we will see Christ in all His splendor and when we do, we will be changed, in that moment, in the twinkling of an eye (1 Cor. 15:52). We will be fully like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
 2. In heaven, the glory of God will shine through the lamp of heaven which is Jesus the Lamb of God.
 - a. Rev. 21:23 [23] And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
 3. All the light of heaven will be Jesus' light and in that perfect dazzling light, we will all perfectly reflect the unending perfect light of the glory of God.

6. Future Glory

- a. John 17:24 [24] "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

³ John Owen, "Meditations and Discourses on the Glory of Christ in his Person, Office and Grace ..." in The Works of John Owen, ed. William H. Gould, 24 vols. (London: Johnstone and Hunter, 1850-55), 1:410.

- i. Two elaborations:
 - 1. For whom Jesus prays (all believers)
 - 2. For what Jesus prays (sight of His glory)
- ii. For whom Jesus prays (all believers)
 - 1. “They also” refers to all believers for all time.
 - 2. “Also” means in addition to the apostles.
 - a. Jesus promised them earlier that Thursday night
 - i. John 14:2-3 [2] ... I go to prepare a place for you.
[3] "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
 - b. This is a reference to the rapture (1 Thess. 4:17).
 - c. This promise is for all believers (John 17:24).
 - i. Not by our presumption or wishful thinking but by the Lord’s own words
 - ii. The Father always answers the prayers of His beloved Son (John 11:42).
 - d. We take nothing for granted.
 - i. When you are facing death, you don’t want sentimentalism or wishful thinking. You don’t want to presume. You want the truth. You want what’s real.
 - ii. This is what Jesus gives us in this text: a real guarantee of salvation.
 - e. We will indeed be with Christ one day.
 - i. 2 Cor. 5:8, “to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord”
 - ii. 1 Thess. 4:17, “Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”
 - iii. Phil. 1:21-23 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain... to depart and be with Christ”
 - iv. We can bank on this promise.

1. He by Himself hath sworn,
I on His oath depend,
I shall, on eagles wings up-borne,
To heav'n ascend.
- v. God in Christ has made His promise sure.
3. All believers are given by the Father to the Son like the apostles.
 - a. John 17:24 [24] Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me.
 - b. All believers are a gift of the Father to the Son.
 - c. This gift will ultimately become the giving of the bride, the church, to Christ her groom (2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7-8).
 - d. We came to trust in Christ and repent of our sins that we would be prepared as a bride for His beloved Son.
 - i. Our sanctification matters eternally. We prepare ourselves to present ourselves to Him on that day.
- iii. For what Jesus prays (sight of His glory)
 1. Jesus desires
 - a. More than our reunion with Him ("be with Me")
 - b. But that we behold His glory ("see My glory")
 - c. This future glory is not the same as the present glory which is a measured glory, a glory in part, and a foretaste of the future glory of Christ
 2. Future glory is: Full glory, Divine glory, and Eternal glory
- iv. Full Glory
 1. His future glory is His fullness of His glory.
 2. As one commentator (D. A. Carson) put it, "This is Jesus's glory in unveiled splendor."
 3. Or as another theologian puts it, "the supereminently luminous beauty of divinity beyond all experience and all descriptions, all categories, a beauty before which all earthly splendors, marvelous as they are, pale into insignificance."⁴
 4. What Moses could not see (Ex. 33:20)

⁴ Thomas Dubay, *The Evidential Power of Beauty* (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 1999), 45, quoted in Philip Ryken, *Beauty Is Your Destiny* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2023), 25.

- a. Ex. 33:20 [20] But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"
- 5. What the Seraphim dared not look at (Isaiah 6:2)
 - a. Isaiah 6:2 [2] Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
- 6. What Ezekiel fell on his face before (Ez. 1:28)
 - a. Ezek. 1:28 [28] As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.
- 7. What John fell as a dead man before (Rev. 1:17)
 - a. Rev. 1:17 [17] When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last.
- 8. The Christian hope not yet seen (Rom. 8:24-25)
- v. Divine Glory
 - 1. The glory given by God the Father to God the Son
 - a. "which You have given Me" (vv22, 24)
 - 2. Glory of God is seen in the attributes of God
 - a. Glory parallels the name of God in John 17 (vv11, 12, 26)
 - i. God's name is given by the Father to the Son, and the Son gives it to the elect.
 - ii. Similarly, God's glory is given by the Father to the Son, and the Son gives it to the elect.
 - iii. God's name is God's character, who God is. It speaks of God's very being and presence.
 - iv. God's glory is the magnificence of who God is. It speaks of the excellence of God's character.
 - b. John MacArthur, "God's glory refers to the consummate beauty of the totality of his perfections."⁵

⁵ MacArthur, *Biblical Doctrine* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2017), 188.

- c. Herman Bavinck, "The glory of the Lord is the splendor and brilliance that is inseparably associated with all of God's attributes and his self-revelation in nature and grace, the glorious form in which he everywhere appears to his creatures."⁶

3. What God gave to the Son is His exact nature.

- a. The Son bears the exact image of His Father because the Father bequeathed to Him all that He is. He gave Him His name; He gave Him His glory.
 - i. Even as an earthly son bears the image of his earthly father, so the heavenly Son is the spitting image of His heavenly Father.
 - ii. John 10:30, "I and the Father are one."
 - iii. John 10:38, "the Father is in Me, and I in the Father"
 - iv. John 14:11, "I am in the Father and the Father is in Me"
 - v. Heb. 1:3, "He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature"
- b. The glory given by the Father to the Son is His divine glory. And this act of giving was an eternal act. This is an eternal glory.

vi. Eternal Glory

- 1. Jesus already described His glory as eternal.
 - a. John 17:5 [5] "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- 2. If His glory is eternal, then the giving of it must also be eternal.
 - a. This giving took place in eternity.
 - b. This giving was an eternal act.
- 3. Jesus suggests this also when He attaches this giving with the Father's eternal love toward Him.

⁶ From Herman Bavinck's *Reformed Dogmatics* quoted in David VanDrunen, *God's Glory Alone* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015), 32.

- a. John 17:24, “My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”
- 4. Question: Was there ever a time when Christ did not have glory?
 - a. No. The Son never lacked His divine glory, as if the Father then filled this lack by giving Him that glory.
 - b. It is biblically irresponsible to take an eternal act of God and place it on a finite creaturely timeline. This effectively reduces God to a creature.
 - c. This eternal act was timeless without a before or after, but a pure immutable reality that always has been and is and will be.
- 5. Like “the eternal generation” of the Son.
 - a. Jesus is called “the only begotten” of the Father (John 1:14, 18; 3:16; 1 John 5:18), because He is only Son whom the Father begot.
 - b. The Son was eternally begotten of the Father.
 - c. This begetting is eternal, not in any way implying that the Son had a beginning. This was an eternal act of God outside of time.
 - d. The Father-Son connection between the two persons of God was an eternal connection.
- b. In sum, the future glory of Christ is a full glory, a divine glory, and an eternal glory, beyond wildest imagination.
- 7. Conclusion
 - a. May our heart be stirred up for this promise of Jesus to see His awesome glory.
 - b. Inasmuch as the concert goer and the sporting event spectator earnestly seek to see the glory of the artist or the athlete, may we long for the glory of Christ.
 - i. If their glory be the spotlight, the glory of Christ is the glaring and blazing glory of the sun.
 - ii. How incalculably greater is the radiance of the glory of the eternal Son of God incarnate, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the long awaited seed of the woman, the seed of Abraham, the seed of David, the Christ slain for sinners, who rose from the dead in glory and immortality, who ascended into heaven to the right hand of the Father, who is coming again on the clouds of heaven?
 - c. We sing expectantly of His coming:

- i. See, He comes upon the clouds, Jesus Christ our King appears.
All the saints bought by His blood will rise to meet Him in the air.
 - ii. Earth and sea shall flee away, all creation waits and groans,
For the Lord redeemer comes to take His longing exiles home.
 - iii. Still He bears the holy scars: evidence of saving grace.
All the saints bought by His blood shall then rejoice to see His face.
 - iv. Yes, amen, let all adore Christ on His eternal throne.
All the pow'r and might are Yours, come claim the kingdom as Your own.
 - v. *Hallelujah, hallelujah, come, O Lord, on earth to reign.*
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we await the coming day.
- d. May we all love His appearing
 - i. 2 Tim. 4:8 [8] in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.
 - ii. There is only one Savior of the world. Only Jesus Christ can redeem sinners, restore the fallen world, establish true justice and righteousness, and usher in the blessings of heaven.
 - iii. 1 Cor. 13:12 [12] now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face
 - iv. 2 Pet. 1:19 [19] a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts
- e. This is Jesus' prayer:
 - i. Jesus prays for the church that we would reach the lost through our godly testimony so that more would come to taste of the special love of God and behold the glory of God in Christ.
 - ii. May we have the heart and the vision of our Lord in us. May we seek an ever growing likeness to Christ. May we prayerfully endeavor to win the lost to Christ. May we be an aroma of Christ with the sweetness of the special love of God and the incomparable beauty of Christ our Savior.