

TO BECOME A CHURCH THAT IS MORE FILLED WITH GOD'S GLORY

"Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple." (Ezekiel 43:5 NIV)

The glory of God is a subject that His church really needs to understand. Throughout 2025, we will reflect more deeply on what the Lord Jesus desires after we have reflected a lot throughout 2024 on how we become a church that is ready and alert in waiting for His second coming. In His great prayer, the Lord Jesus said, "I have glorified You on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. Therefore, O Father, glorify Me in You alone with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world began" (John 17:4, 5). Let us continue to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus in the year 2025 by praying like the Lord Jesus, "Therefore, O Father, glorify us as Your church in Yourself with the glory that You have in Your presence...". If the entire congregation is willing to unite their hearts and visions into this great prayer from the Lord Jesus, then I am sure we will see His glory revealed over His church in the end times and our lives will also be filled with His glory. In His life as a human, the Lord Jesus glorified His Father in Heaven with the glory He had in the presence of the Father before the world existed. This is what we will think and reflect on together as we enter our spiritual journey throughout 2025. There are still many Christians who still do not understand how important it is that as Christians we can walk from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). The glory that the Lord Jesus had in the presence of the Father before the world existed has brought the Lord Jesus into his life to live a victorious life. Why are many Christians not yet successful in glorifying God in their lives, both in their own family environment and in the environment of the people they meet every day, namely in the environment where they do their work, study or live in society? The problem is because they do not yet understand the importance of living in His plan and will, there are even Christians who have never thought about a life filled with the glory of God as a goal that must be achieved during their lives. That is why we will think about and invite the congregation to reflect together on this theme more specifically. An invitation for the congregation that is loved by God and for the congregation that longs to glorify the Father in heaven, let's "rise, be light, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). The glory of God will only rise upon us if we are willing to rise and be light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, namely the Lord Jesus has come into the world (John 8:12). The Bible says that the light was in the world and the world was made through Him, but the world did not know Him. In fact, He came to His own, but those who belonged to Him did not receive him (John 1:9-11). Isn't this the problem that His church is also facing in these end times? Let us not be a church that loses the glory of God. Our calling is to live increasingly filled with the glory of God. For indeed, darkness covers the earth, and darkness covers the nations, but the light of the LORD will rise upon us and His glory will fill us if we are willing to arise and be light in the midst of the darkness of this world, especially in the days leading up to His coming. Jesus bless you!

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