

Elementary Children's Church
Lesson 30
Bridal Manifestation in the New Testament

1. In the New Testament the bridal message transforms from types and shadows to the mystery revealed. The Apostle Paul is given the gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ. And in **Philippians 3:14** the Apostle Paul gets right to the point: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This is very plain that there is a higher level of glory that by grace is in the offering to us; that was not offered to God's children who lived prior to Paul's gospel.

I Corinthians 15:41: "[There is] one **glory of the sun**, and another **glory of the moon**, and another **glory of the stars**: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in **glory**." Saints will differ in glory in heaven. Some will be reflective bodies as the moon, but some will even have the glory within as Christ Jesus himself as the sun. In **Revelation 12:9-11**, the bride is seen descending from heaven having the glory of God, and she has her own light: His life fully manifested in her.

2. And maybe the greatest of all passages expressing the varying glory of Saints in heaven is seen in **Romans 8:17**: "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together." Praise the Lord, all of God's children are heirs, just as children in a family, but then there is the high calling Saint, the joint heir with Jesus Christ. The joint heir of the husband is his wife. The joint heir of the king is his queen, and how beyond comprehension that Christ Jesus will have a bride that is be a separate company of believers, a separate body from the church just as Eve (Adam's wife) was a complete body from the rib of Adam. Oh Praise the Lord what the Grace of God can do, and do in us.