

## GLORIFICATION

Romans, Chapter 8

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Our theme for our consideration this morning is one which is not discussed much, at least in a comprehensive manner as it might be. And yet I think it is one which every Christian needs to think about. Perhaps the first three hymns gave you a suggestion as to what the theme would be. There was one word which occurred in all three of them which does not occur commonly in our hymnbook. The fourth did not have this word but it certainly had the idea. The theme I would like to discuss with you this morning is "Glorification". We find it expressed in Romans 8:30 - "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified." It is not common in the Bible to have this word "glorified" used of men. It is most commonly used of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ called upon His followers - "Glorify me with the glory which I have with thee before the foundation of the world." It is a word which is used commonly of God and not frequently of man. But it is a definite teaching here in the Scripture ~~XX~~ that there is to be a glorification of humanity, that those whom God has predestinated, those whom He has called, those whom He has justified, that every one of them will also be glorified. We find the same words used in the same chapter earlier in the chapter. We find it in verse 17. Let us glance together at verses 16 and 17, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we be also glorified together." So here again we find it used - you might say the first instance was used simply of us. This one is used of us in connection with Christ. Someone may say, "Well now only once have we found where "glorify" is used just of people" - because here it is used half of us and half of Christ. And yet on the other hand that is all the more an expression of glory as related to people because it is us and Christ glorified together. And so it is showing that in this regard the same

(3.), the same type of glory is to be ours which is to be given to Him - that we shall be glorified together. And so this great eighth chapter of Romans has these two instances in