

# Glorification = Crucifixion



*"In the quiet crucible of our personal, private sufferings our noblest dreams are born and God's greatest gifts are given." - Wintley Phipps*

**Glorification** is the final stage of the "order of salvation", a series of steps, a continual process, in the work of the Holy Spirit to mould believers into the image of Christ to achieve salvation. It refers to the nature of believers after death and judgement, "the final step in redemption. Biblical verses cited as evidence for this doctrine include Psalm 49:15 (But God will redeem my life, will take me from the hand of Sheol), Daniel 12:2 (Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life, others to reproach and everlasting disgrace), Romans 8:30 (And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also **justified**; and those he justified he also glorified) and 1 Corinthians 15:20 (But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep).

The theology of glorification describes how believers will be raised after death and given new bodies that have a degree of continuity with their mortal selves.[1]. The process of glorification is where God removes all spiritual defects of the redeemed. It first involves the believer's sanctification, where we are made and are being made holy (where we are saved and being saved), that continual process where the Holy Spirit works to mould believers to the image of Christ. **Glorification is the end goal of every Christian's life journey.**

**So theoretically, Glorification = Crucifixion.** Jesus died on a 10 foot cross. **The first 10 feet of resurrection** are onto the cross itself. The first 10 feet are the toughest part. We live at ground zero. Our greatest struggle is to get beyond that first 10 feet. For Jesus Christ there could be no resurrection into glory without first being crucified, without first suffering and dying on a 10 foot cross. There is no resurrection into glory without first enduring agonizing pain and anguish even over a long and beautiful life. So, like Christ, each of us must die and there will be no resurrection into the glory of heaven without first undergoing the painful struggle of life. We must suffer and die before we rise.