

2Co8v23 ends with this phrase "...the churches, the glory of Christ."

How can an assembly of Christians be the glory of Christ ?

The CONTEXT is about giving, so that no member of the body of Christ suffers in poverty.

The supreme model of giving is Christ, according to verse 9 : "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

In what way did Christ become poor ?

And in what way did we become rich, thanks to Christ ?

Ph2v5-8 say Christ laid aside CLAIM to His dignity, although He was always God, and GAVE up His life to save us from sin and its punishment.

He gave ALL that meant the most to Him.

THIS IS TO HIS GLORY as the context of Ph2v9 says, "For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name."

The fact that we are assembled around the L-J-C this morning is to His glory because He saved us.

Not even the creation of the universe, which declares His glory, is as great as His miracle of saving us poor Hell bound sinners.

The L-J-C's giving ALL is also the model for us to follow.

When we give up our claim to dignity and lose our life for Him...

The church becomes the glory of Christ !

And then in what way did we become rich, thanks to Christ ?

Titus3v5-7 say we are justified by His GRACE and made HEIRS of eternal life by the work of His Holy Spirit.

We have received ALL that really matters from Christ.

At the Table of the Lord we proclaim His death until He come so that the world may know about the riches we have received.

This worship service, this time of remembrance, this time of public proclamation, is how our assembly this morning IS His GLORY.

2Cor9v15, in the same context of 8v23, the Bible says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable GIFT!"

Let's GIVE Him thanks for GIVING us salvation at such a cost...

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