

**CONCEPT OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE
FOURTH GOSPEL: AN EXEGETICAL STUDY OF
JOHN 12:20 - 28; 13: 31- 32 AND 17: 1,5.**

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ABSTRACT

Concept of the glory of God. In the fourth gospel is the focus of this work. The introductory chapter deals with the motivation for study, which is the course - Exegesis of Saint John; the objective for study. i.e. to discover what John meant by the "glory of God" in his gospel and the significance of the study. Besides it (chapter one) shows delimitation of the entire work which has to do with the self sacrifice, love, suffering, obedience, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the implications of the same to the contemporary Christian. Under this same chapter, key terms used are defined. This includes: concept, glory and the glory of God.

The second chapter deals with literature review on the concept in the question. This considers the Old Testament views; the New Testament views; and the Contemporary Theological views. For example, to the Hebrews, God's glory is awesome; and in the Old Testament, kabod denotes "the manifestation of light by which God revealed Himself, in the lighting flash or the blinding splendor which often accompanied theophanies. It is also the intrinsic worth of God. From the New Testament perspective, glory is pre-eminently messianic. The status of Christ as the Lord of glory was revealed in his crucifixion which has also been openly revealed in his resurrection. From the contemporary theological views, Rudolf Schnakenburg says that "the concept of glorification ... subsumes the saving revelation of Jesus Christ, which takes place symbolically in his works and with full effect in his lifting up, under the concept of the revelation of God's glory."

The third chapter deals with the background to the Gospel where authorship, date, place of writing, purpose of writing and the audience were

discussed, Also, exegesis of the passages involved on the concept is done and the concept of the glory of God is drawn out from the passages,(John 12; 20-28; 13:31-32 and 17;1,5).

Chapter four states the implications of the concept (the glory of God) for the contemporary Christians. The implications such as obedience, suffering, self – sacrifice, humility, love and reconciliation. The concluding chapter (chapter five) points it out that from the point of view of the writer of the Fourth Gospel, Jesus referred to his death as glorification, the event through which he and his Father would be supremely glorified; it also gives the summary of the entire work. And it recommends that this work is open to further research on the concepts of death and exaltation; humility and humiliation as they affect the Christian life.

B. RECOMMENDATION

Having considered the concept of the glory of God and its implications for the contemporary Christian, in the previous chapter (chapter 3 and 4), this writer recommends that this work is still open to further research on the concept of death and exaltation; humility and humiliation as they affect the Christian life.

When does a Christian die? What type of death? How does a Christian's death bring glory to God? When does a Christian exaltation bring glory to God? Should a Christian be humiliated? What is the implication of Christian's humility? These and many more questions can be considered for a further research.