

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Indwelling of Christ/Uniform of Honor

In the Church Age there are no more holy days, no more feast days, no more rituals, no more sacred buildings. The bodies of believers are the only sacred items.

They are converted at salvation by the Holy Spirit into a Temple for the indwelling of the Shekinah Glory.

Our Lord prophesied that He would indwell those who believed in Him and the New Testament writers confirm it.

John 14:20 - In that day [Church Age] you will know that I am in My Father [deity], and you are in Me [Baptism of the Holy Spirit resulting in U/C], and I in you [Indwelling of the Shekinah Glory in the believer's body].

Colossians 1:27 - To whom God decreed to make known what is the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the confidence of glory.

Romans 8:10 - In fact, if Jesus Christ is in you [1st Century Church: and He is], on the one hand the body is dead because of the sinful nature, but on the other hand, the Holy Spirit is life because of imputed righteousness.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

John 17:22 - I have given them the glory that you gave Me, that they may be one as We are One;

John 17:23 - I in them, and You in Me . . .

John 17:26 - I have revealed You to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be theirs and that I Myself may be in them.

The Shekinah Glory is manifest in five dispensations in five different ways:

Age of the Gentiles: The Shekinah Glory was revealed to individuals and then only on a need-to-know-basis. To Abraham in Genesis 15; to Isaac in Genesis 26; and to Jacob in Genesis 28.

Age of Israel: The Shekinah Glory dwelled in the Holy of Holies between the cherubs over the Mercy Seat. Psalms 99:1

The Incarnation: The Shekinah Glory personally came to Israel in the flesh and tabernacled among them in the Hypostatic Union. John 1:14

Church Age: Jesus Christ as the Shekinah Glory indwells believers' bodies through the universal and permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 2:20

Millennium: The Shekinah Glory reigns upon David's throne in Ezekiel's Temple on Jerusalem's Mount Zion for 1,000 years. Zechariah 14

Thus, the Shekinah Glory is present in one form or another throughout all the dispensations from Creation to the Millennium.

Transfiguration of the Soul and the Uniform of Honor

Our Lord spoke of His glory and its availability to man when He addressed the scribes and Pharisees in:

John 8:12 - Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness but he shall have the light of life."

The verb "*shall have*" is a predictive future and thus a prophecy of the indwelling of the Shekinah Glory in the body of the believer in the Church Age.

In the coming dispensation, this indwelling glory remains veiled inside the body of the believer unless it is permitted to shine through.

The realization of such a "*shining through*" is manifest by the performance of divine good in the life of the believer.

Since the Church Age is a mystery, believers in the dispensation are to execute the Plan of God in a non-public manner.

Since we are to become invisible heroes, it is obvious that we can do nothing which would call attention to ourselves.

Thus, the shining through of the Shekinah Glory in our lives is not revealed by the manifestation of its resplendence, but our daily application of truth to life and circumstances.

When a person achieves Christian Integrity, and when placed under pressure, remains loyal to truth he becomes a person of honor.

The outward manifestation of inner integrity is honor and indicates that that person's soul is clothed in a Uniform of Honor.

The process and procedure by which this level of Christian thought is achieved is the subject of several passages. We are going to note, first of all, 2 Corinthians 3.

In this passage we will see the transfiguration of the soul from a vessel of dishonor into a vessel of honor.

We will further see that such a thing is accomplished by the transfer of knowledge about the Shekinah Glory from the pages of Scripture into the stream of consciousness of the believer.

Removing the Veil of Unbelief Unveils the Glory of Christ

In order to appreciate what Paul is trying to communicate here we need to take a quick look at an Old Testament passage, Exodus 34:29-Exodus 34:35.