

This overall project, sort of a compilation of my life-work of seminary teaching, is a work in progress. I call it the *God's Glory Transforming the Christian Life* because this project links foundational theological formulation with the three primary places we live in the earthly realm. The various chapter titles represent condensed summaries of years of teaching and lecture or article writing related to this project's method of structuring the attributes of God in relation to human imaging. The material can be used to train church leaders (pastors, church co-workers, biblical counselors, seminary students) as well as help all believers mature in their understanding and application of biblical truth to life.

Initially, my English draft was written in the summer of 2016 with a US readership in mind, and two drafts submitted to P&R for consideration to publish there. However, after considering my calling to serve the Chinese people, the copyright limitations on multiple digital uses once a book is published in the US, and the particular difficulties of providing printed books to some of our Chinese brothers and sisters, I decided to operate this project in a manner similar to John Piper and Vern Poythress, offering this website for free PDF downloading of this material. Currently the English book project is in two formats (click on English tab) one longer version related to biblical parenting and one shorter related to doxological discipleship and biblical counseling. My goals, Lord willing, are to write a *Be Thou My Vision* series of connected works specifically for Chinese translation. The first book called *Foundations: God's Glory as an Integrating Perspective on Reformed Theology* will explain the theme of God's glory specifically using eight summary attributes of God as an octo-perspectival approach that helps us integrate Reformed theology. The **Application Books** section that follows envisions either single chapters or book length coverage of many practical topics of the Christian life using these eight attributes of God perspectives, in answer to what David Powlison proposes, that we need a "Grand Unified Theory (GUT) of systematic pastoral practice." I will link my project with the Westminster Standards and with suggested readings from Wilhelms a Brakel's *A Christian's Reasonable Service* (available in public domain in English, but recently translated into simplified Chinese and available in both free digital and printed forms). The chapters in **black** have already been drafted. Many of the chapters in **blue** have already been taught a biblical counseling or practical theology courses, but need to be reworked to fit within the project. I need to develop new chapters in **red**. For chapters in **green**, I hope to ask some other theologians to contribute some chapters in areas where I have not done extensive study or research. My vision is that this can become a public domain project among conservative Reformed theologians and practitioners serving among the Chinese, sort of like open source software and operating systems. Those who adopt and agree with the foundations material and appreciate the way it is applied to various topics could be invited to contribute chapters in other areas of expertise as well as contributing editorial revisions of existing chapters. When the *Foundations* section is completed it will be translated to provide a basic doctrinal training package for Chinese church co-workers that show how to link Reformed theological foundations with numerous practical Christian life topics. To that *Foundations* book I plan to add a Prezi presentation organized around the master illustration and professional quality video recordings using the Prezi and a Prezi related workbook. I plan to upload a version to [www.biblesupport.com](http://www.biblesupport.com) for use in the freeware E-Sword since I have so many Bible verse references that can appear as pop-up verse links in that program. Then *Application Books* will follow, each with a brief theological introduction summarizing the *Foundations* material, followed by the content of that topic and

using the same process and tools above to make it teachable and available for Chinese ministry training. The material can be adapted by trainers to cover both *Foundations* and *Application* topics, or just *Application* topics. In any case, the material is presented as a connected package, such that the glory of God will not be intelligibly or versatily applied unless learners also understand integrative Reformed theology. However, the order can be reversed to first attract students with a practical topic, then study the *Foundations* material. It is offered to the Chinese believers in hopes that it will prevent increasing fragmentation of the Christian life (which by itself tends toward morality without the Gospel in various books and articles) from its doctrinal foundations (which gives joy of the Lord and Gospel of grace foundations for all ethics/morality).

## **PART 1: FOUNDATIONS: God's Glory as an Integrating Perspective on Reformed Theology**

1. Christian Living in God's Image
2. Dynamics of Biblical Maturity
3. From Glory into Glory: God Reveals His Glory so we can Reflect Glory
4. The Glory from the Triune LORD: Decrees & Original Attributes
5. The Glory from Christ: Derivative Attributes, Moral Law, Offices, Places
6. The Glory of the LORD Reflected To Us: Means of Grace & Disgrace
7. The Glory of the LORD Reflected On Us: Saving Faith: Propitiation & Justification
8. The Glory of the LORD Reflected In Us: Saving Faith: Repentance and Vivification
9. The Glory of the LORD Reflected By Us: Representation & Excommunication: Offices
10. The Glory of the LORD Reflected By Us: Pilgrimage in Realms & Places
11. Integrating God's Glory as a Perspective on Reformed Theology

## **PART 2: APPLICATION BOOKS: God's Glory in All Our Places**

### *In the Earthly Assembly*

12. God's Glory Reflected in Christian Dating and Engaged Relationships
13. God's Glory Reflected in Marriage & Child-bearing
14. God's Glory Reflected in Parenting
15. God's Glory Reflected in Christian Education (homeschooling and Christian school-Christian college, seminary)
16. God's Glory Reflected in Presbyterian Leadership
17. God's Glory Reflected in Interpreting the Scripture and Preaching in Contemporary Cultures
18. God's Glory Reflected in Church Unity: Essentials & Adiaphora
19. God's Glory Reflected in OT Pastoral Models (Proverbs, Psalms)
20. God's Glory Reflected in NT Pastoral Models for Biblical Counseling
21. God's Glory Reflected in Pastoral Counseling
22. God's Glory Reflected in Corporate Worship

### *In the Earthly Creation*

23. God's Glory Reflected in Stewardship: Finance
24. God's Glory Reflected over our Cursed Creation: Chaos Factors of Sin, (sickness) Death, Time and Opportunity (Ecclesiastes & Romans 8)

*In the (already) Heavenly Assembly & Creation*

25. God's Glory Reflected in the New Earth- Jerusalem City-Garden

*In the Earthly Diaspora*

26. God's Glory Reflected in Apologetics: Psychological Theories
27. God's Glory Reflected in Marketplace Ministry
28. God's Glory Reflected over Unequally Yoked Marriages
29. God's Glory Reflected over the Internet and Other Digital Tool Uses
30. God's Glory Reflected over Persecutions: Reproduction, Personal & Job Mobility, Deprivations & Corruptions of law
31. God's Glory Reflected in Evangelism, Missions & Church Planting
32. God's Glory Reflected in Mercy Ministries
33. God's Glory Reflected over C+C+P+

*In the (already) Heavenly Diaspora*

34. God's Glory Reflected in Spiritual Warfare

Pray for God to bless this project and give me strength and wisdom to work toward expanding it with like-minded collaborators,

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