

What is this glory?

According to the Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words it is:

1. The nature and acts of God in self-manifestation, i.e., what He essentially is and does, as exhibited in whatever way He reveals Himself in these respects, and particularly in the person of Christ, in whom essentially His "glory" has ever shone forth and ever will do, John 17:5 and 24; Hebrews 1:3; it was exhibited in the character and acts of Christ in the days of His flesh, John 1:14; John 2:11; at Cana both His grace and His power were manifested and these constituted His "glory"; so also in the resurrection of Lazarus, John 11:4 and 40; the "glory" of God was exhibited in the resurrection of Christ, Romans 6:4, and in His ascension and exaltation, 1 Peter 1:21, likewise on the Mount of Transfiguration, 2 Peter 1:17. In Romans 1:23 His "everlasting power and Divinity" are spoken of as His "glory," i.e., His attributes and power as revealed through creation; in Romans 3:23 the word denotes the manifested perfection of His character, especially His righteousness, of which all men fall short; in Colossians 1:11 "the might of His glory" signifies the might which is characteristic of His "glory"; in Ephesians 1:6, 12 and 14, "the praise of the glory of His grace" and "the praise of His glory" signify the due acknowledgement of the exhibition of His attributes and ways; in Ephesians 1:17, "the Father of glory" describes Him as the source from whom all divine splendour and perfection proceed in their manifestation, and to whom they belong;
2. The character and ways of God as exhibited through Christ to and through believers, 2 Corinthians 3:18 and 4:6;
3. The state of blessedness into which believers are to enter hereafter through being brought into the likeness of Christ, e.g., Romans 8:18 and 21; Philippians 3:21; 1 Peter 5:1 and 10; Revelations 21:11;
4. Brightness or splendour, emanating from God (as in the shekinah "glory," in the pillar of cloud and in the Holy of Holies, e.g. Exodus 16:10 and 25:22), Luke 2:9; Acts 22:11; Romans 9:4; 2 Corinthians 3:7; James 2:1; in Titus 2:13 it is used of Christ's return, "the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ".