

# The Sparkling Diamond in the Ring of Glory!

by Thomas Brooks

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*Christ's ultimate desire is for His people to be with Him in heaven, beholding and enjoying His glory.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 16:11, Matthew 28:20, John 14:3, John 17:24, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:23, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Hebrews 12:2, Revelation 21:3

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the deep desire of Christ for communion with His people, illustrating that true happiness for believers lies in being in His presence both now and in heaven. He highlights that Christ's joy is incomplete without His followers, as He longs for them to share in His glory. The ultimate fulfillment of this desire will be realized in heaven, where believers will enjoy perfect fellowship with Christ, beholding His glory without any hindrance. Brooks describes this communion as the 'sparkling diamond in the ring of glory,' signifying its unparalleled value and beauty. The sermon encourages believers to anticipate the joy of eternal communion with Christ.

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## Transcript

Christ can never rest satisfied until His gracious communion with His people here, issues in their perfect and glorious communion with Him in heaven.

"Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory." John 17:24

Christ is very desirous of His people's fellowship and company. It is a part of Christ's joy--that they should be where He is. Christ will not be happy alone. As a tender father, He can enjoy nothing if His children may not have part with Him. Even now--He is

always with them . . .  
to eye their behavior,  
to hear their prayers,  
to guide their way,  
to protect their persons,  
to cheer their spirits, and  
to delight with His presence.

The greatest part of our happiness, which we shall have in heaven lies in this--that then we shall be with Christ, and have immediate communion with Him. O sirs! the great end of our being in heaven, is to behold and enjoy the glory of Christ!

Certainly the glory and happiness of heaven to the elect, will consist much in being in Christ's company, in whom they delight so much on earth. To follow the Lamb wherever He goes, to enjoy Him fully, and to be always in His presence--is the heaven of heaven, the glory of glory! This is the sparkling diamond in the ring of glory!

The day is coming wherein believers shall be completely happy in a sight of Christ's glory. When all veils have been laid aside--they shall be fitted for a more full fruition, and shall visibly and immediately behold and enjoy Him!

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