

## Glow – Floyd Nolen Jones, Th.D., Ph.D.

Question: If Adam and Eve originally glowed, why did not Jesus' human body glow? After all, He did not have a fallen nature, and He never sinned.

He did glow – both before and after the resurrection. Of course, the transfiguration (Mat. 17:1–8) took place before our Lord's resurrection and was only for a very brief time period. Indeed, the transfiguration was only a *vision* (Mat. 17:9). Revelation 1:12-16, which takes place *after* the resurrection, speaks of a more permanent condition.

Remember, Adam and Eve would not have glowed for long as they sinned no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of their lives (“be fruitful and multiply”, Gen. 1:28 – see below):

1. Both Adam and Eve began life on day 6 of Creation (Gen.1:23-31, note “them” in vv. 27 & 28)
2. Genesis 2 then fills in the skeletal outline of chapter 1 by giving more detail.
3. Note: the first commandment God gave them was to “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:28)
4. Therefore they would have joined in sexual union on day 6 of Creation (their first day of life) else such refusal would have been the first sin (and we *know* that such was not the first).
5. But had she conceived on day 6 (before Adam and Eve sinned), the child would not have inherited a sin nature – he would have also been unfallen. Yet Cain, the firstborn, did have a sin nature and was fallen. Thus, Eve did not conceive until *after* she and Adam sinned.
6. As Cain obviously had a sin nature, it must be concluded that he was not conceived until *after* Adam and Eve sinned and had been removed from the Garden of Eden. (1 John 3:12)
7. It therefore becomes logical and likely that she was not brought to life in a state of estrus but became so no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of her life (28 + 6 = Creation day 34).

Angels also glow at times (Mat. 28:3) yet do not on most occasions when they come to earth. Most verses say nothing of them glowing but rather that they looked just like men.

Thus, it appears that since the Fall, men possessing fallen natures do not glow. Even our unfallen, sinless Lord did so only in connection with a *vision* (Mat. 17:9) *before* the resurrection.

At His resurrection, Christ Jesus received a “glorified” body, but even then He did not *always* glow (e.g., John 20:19-28). Hence, it seems the angels could glow or not at will and the same was true of our Lord after His resurrection.

Finally, Scripture tells us that Jesus' flesh actually served as a *veil* which kept us from seeing His full glory (Shekinah) prior to the resurrection (Heb. 10:20) – even though He was sinless.

Thus, the contrast is between Adam (a mere man, though unfallen) and Jesus – also an unfallen man, yet still fully deity at the same time. As during His earthly ministry Christ was still God the Creator (Isa. 9:6), His human flesh *veiled* His deity until after the resurrection (Phil. 2:5-11). It is the dynamic duo of the Cross and the resurrection – and all that is entailed with them – that God uses to correct the terrible effects of the Fall. Ever since Adam's sin, until the resurrection, men – even the God-man – have not glowed, but we shall (Dan. 12:1-3).