

GLORY UNVEILED

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

The Glory of God Written on Hearts

3:1-6

- Paul doesn't need human recommendation because his credentials are authored by Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- The Corinthians' faith is the fruit of Paul's ministry, given to him by Christ.
- Paul's sufficiency is in God and not from his own adequacy.

_____ *as a written letter, as evidence of God's glory to the world.*

The Glory of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant

3:7-11

- The old covenant came with great glory, but brought condemnation.
- Christ was the fulfillment of the old covenant, thus bringing it to an end.
- The new covenant, through Jesus, brings access to God's glorious presence, covers us with righteousness and brings internal change.

_____ *in the surpassing glory the gospel provides.*

The Glory That Transforms

3:12-18

- Only through Christ can the veil be removed.
- Unveiled, we can live with bold assurance and with hope.

_____ *the glory of God as the Spirit transforms us into His image.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Ezekiel 11:19-20

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Philippians 3:3-8

For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...

Romans 7:10

The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

John 5:39-44

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. I do not receive glory from people. But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.