

Experiencing God's Glory

Read: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Main idea: Through faith in Christ, we experience an unveiled glory that transforms our lives and reflects God's love to others, offering hope and encouragement in our daily walks with Him.

Key Verses: "And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." (**2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV**)

Key Principles:

- The old covenant's glory, though real, was temporary and led to death and condemnation, pointing to our need for a Savior.
- The new covenant in Christ offers enduring glory, righteousness, and life through the Spirit's transformative power.
- Faith in Christ removes the veil of spiritual blindness, granting bold access to God's presence and clarity in understanding His truth.
- The Spirit's work in believers produces freedom from sin and a progressive transformation into Christ's likeness.
- Our transformation in Christ is a testimony to God's grace, encouraging others in their faith journey.
- Living in God's unveiled glory brings hope and strength to navigate life's challenges with confidence.

Discussion:

1. How does old covenant highlight our need for Christ's work in the new covenant? Share a time when your own efforts fell short and you needed to rely on Christ.
2. How does the glory of the new covenant give us hope compared to the fading glory of the old? How can trusting in Christ's work encourage you in a current struggle?
3. What does it look like to approach God and others with confidence because of Christ? How can this boldness shape your relationships or witness?
4. How has coming to Christ brought clarity to your understanding of God? Are there areas where you still struggle to see clearly, and how can you seek Christ in those?
5. What kind of freedom does the Spirit bring, and how have you experienced this in your walk with Christ?
6. What practical steps can you take to "behold" Christ's glory daily and reflect His love to others?

Prayer:

- Pray for a life that beholds and reflects God's glory through faith in Christ.
- Pray for:
 - Hearts to trust in Christ's enduring glory instead of self-reliance and fading hopes.
 - Clarity and boldness in our walk with God.
 - A Christlike life that would also encourage others in their faith.

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| I. | <u>Trust</u> in Christ's <u>Enduring</u> <u>Glory</u>. | 3:7-11 |
| 1. | <u>Turn</u> from Fading <u>Hope</u> . | 3:7-9 |
| 2. | <u>Trust</u> in Christ's <u>Work</u> . | 3:10-11 |
| II. | <u>Rest</u> in Christ's <u>Unveiled</u> <u>Clarity</u>. | 3:12-16 |
| 1. | Come to Christ with <u>Confidence</u> . | 3:12-14 |
| 2. | Come to Christ for <u>Understanding</u> . | 3:15-16 |
| III. | <u>Grow</u> in Christ's <u>Transforming</u> <u>Spirit</u>. | 3:17-18 |
| 1. | <u>Experience</u> <u>Freedom</u> in Christ. | 3:17 |
| 2. | <u>Resemble</u> Christ in Your <u>Life</u> . | 3:18 |

NEXT WEEK:
A Legacy of Faith
2 Timothy 1:1-7