

# Home Group Helps

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

*We with Unveiled Face*

**I. The Deficiencies of the Old Covenant (v.12-15)** - <sup>12</sup> Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech, <sup>13</sup> and *are* not like Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. <sup>15</sup> But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

## II. The Effects of the New Covenant (v.16-18)

- <sup>16</sup> but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

1. **Salvation** - <sup>16</sup> but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
2. **Freedom** - and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.
3. **Insight** - beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord
4. **Transformation/Sanctification** - are being transformed into the same image
5. **Glory** - from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit

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## 1. Launching Question(s):

- Paul tells us that a veil is removed from us by Christ when we become believers (14b, 16). Describe your experience with that truth.

## 2. Observation Question(s):

- What advantages does ministry under the New Covenant have over ministry under the Old Covenant (under Moses)?

## 3. Interpretation Question(s):

- In vs. 12 & 13, Paul draws a contrast between the bold proclamation of the Gospel and the veiling of God's glory in the ministry of Moses?
- What is it about the New Covenant that gives us the confidence to speak boldly about it?

## 4. Reflection Question(s):

- In John 5:39-40, 46-47, Jesus states <sup>39</sup> "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; <sup>40</sup> and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life . . . <sup>45</sup> "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. <sup>47</sup> "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"
- How is this truth affirmed by Paul when he says in vs. 14, "But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted?"

## 5. Application Question(s):

- What is your responsibility in cooperating with the transformation process brought about by the Holy Spirit?