



Open Heart: Living in Christ With Nothing to Hide
Ever Growing Glory
2 Corinthians 3:6-18 | November 8th - 14th, 2015

Warm Up: Read aloud the big idea from this week's message: "As we walk with the Lord in freedom, reflecting His glory, He gradually transforms us to become more like Jesus." What does it look like to have freedom in the Lord? What do you think is *not* meant by this *freedom*?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:6-7 & Exodus 34:29-35

- ❖ Why is the Old Covenant described as a ministry of death (v7) and condemnation (v9)? Why was the old covenant doomed for failure, or to fade?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:8-13, Acts 1:8a, and Romans 7:6

- ❖ Look at the ways these verses describe our relationship with Christ. How has the power of the gospel helped you to live a life that reflects Jesus' glory? In particular, consider v.12, which speaks of the **confidence** and **boldness** that life in Christ brings.

In **verses 14-16** we read about the veil that lies over the hearts of unbelievers. It is only through Christ that the veil can be lifted. Read **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**.

- ❖ Can you share or describe a time when you were able to see so clearly because the veil of sin had been removed from your eyes/heart?
- ❖ Can you relate to this simple life principle - "***What we behold we become like***" Where have you seen this to be true in your life? What is occupying your thoughts, affections, and attention most in this season of life?

By cooperating with the Holy Spirit we as Christians change from "**one degree of glory to another.**" (Transformation) In light of this, look back and read out loud the big idea at the top of the page.

- ❖ What do you perceive your main role to be in this process?
- ❖ How are you to be a mirror?
- ❖ In what ways do you feel you are still wearing veils? Share openly together.

Wrap Up: Read **Ephesians 4:1-6, 23-24**. Use these verses as a guide to close your time in prayer. Pray that God would clean your mirror so that you may reflect His glory!