

2 Corinthians  
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –08/31/20

2 Corinthians – Lesson 4  
2 Corinthians 3:1-18

1. Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6. Paul's opponents had apparently questioned his authority by claiming he commended himself but had no letters of recommendation from others. What did Paul mean when he claimed the Christians in Corinth were his "letters of recommendation"? These "letters" were the result of his ministry, but who was the real author? (see also Matt. 7:15-20, Jeremiah 31:31-34)
  
2. What was the basis of Paul's confidence and the source of his competence? How does that differ from the worldly means of becoming a confident, competent person?
  
3. In verse 6, Paul transitions to his next subject – the differences between the Old Covenant of God's Law and the New Covenant of God's grace. What is the ultimate result of each?
  
4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-1, Exodus 34:29-30 & Romans 3:19-20. In what way was the Law glorious? Why is the New Covenant more glorious in comparison? Why does that give us hope (v. 12)?
  
5. Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 and Exodus 34:33-35. According to Paul, why did Moses put a veil over his face?
  
6. How does the same "veil" remain for the Jews when the Old Covenant is read? What is the only way it can be taken away? Why?
  
7. What freedom is referred to by Paul in v. 17? Freedom from what?
  
8. According to v. 18, by what process are we transformed into the likeness of Christ? (alternate translations of *reflect the Lord's glory* are *contemplate* or *beholding the Lord's glory*)