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## October 24, 2021 2 Corinthians 3: He is Changing Us!

Unlike so many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, <u>as</u> <u>those sent from God</u>. (2 Corinthians 2:17)

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,

"when I will make a new covenant

with the people of Israel

and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors

when I took them by the hand

to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them,"

declares the Lord.

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Jeremiah 31:31-33) How does Paul describe the believers in Corinth?

What is the veil referring to?

What is the difference between the letter and the Spirit?

## **Applications:**

- 1. Look back and write down how God worked in your life to get you to where you are today.
- 2. Ask: "What is He doing in me today?" Ask others: "How is He working in YOUR life today?"

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

"My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working." (John 5:17)

3. Do not quench the Spirit of the Lord. Read His Word, obey and join HIM!

## **HOME GROUP Questions for 2 Corinthians 3...**

- 1. What is the difference between self-confidence and the confidence described by Paul in verses 4-6? What is the foundation between the two? Based on this how should we respond to the confidence God provides?
  - Proverbs 3:26
  - Isaiah 41:10
  - Hebrews 13:16
  - Proverbs 28:26
  - Proverbs 3:5-6
  - John 15:5
- 2. For what purpose do you think Paul discusses and contrasts the differences between the Old and New Covenant? How does the Old Covenant bring condemnation where the New Covenant the Spirit brings freedom? How does the work of the Spirit in the new covenant far exceed that of the Old Covenant? How does this produce fruit and confidence in our ministry to each other and in our sphere of influence?