



February 18, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 3:7-18 | "Lifting the Veil"

Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

How did you live as a letter of Christ this week (3:2)?
Who did you encourage in their Christian identity (3:3)?
How did you find your sufficiency in God's supremacy (3:5)?

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Exodus 34:29-35
Hebrews 12:18-21
Romans 2:17-29
Romans 7:1-6; 8:10-11, 29-30
Ephesians 2:15; 4:24
John 7:37-39

Study Questions

1. How has your inability to keep God's Law exposed your need for His grace and power (3:7)? How have you seen God's glory revealed in the Law? In what ways have you experienced the new covenant's greater glory (3:8-9)? How has the new covenant impacted your ministry?
2. How do we sometimes take God lightly, even though Christ welcomes us into His presence? How might we seek to give God "glory" in our worship and prayer (3:10-11)? Read Matthew 5:16 and 1 Corinthians 10:31. In what ways do you reflect God's glory to those around you?
3. How does the hope of the new covenant give you boldness (3:12)? How would those who know you best evaluate your boldness? In what ways can you grow bolder in your speech? How does the Old Testament display the great glory of Christ? How does this reality impact your hope and boldness?
4. How was your heart hardened in your pre-Christian state (3:14-15)? Since your conversion (3:16), how has your heart lost its sensitivity by overfamiliarity or sin? Who is helping you through these issues? How have you cultivated a teachable spirit toward the Lord and other believers?
5. In what specific ways have you experienced spiritual freedom in your daily life (3:17)? How has God already shown His glory by changing you (3:18)? How can your past encourage your faith moving forward? What changes have others recognized in you?

Recommended Reading

David Needham, *Close to His Majesty* (Multnomah, 1989)
J. Oswald Sanders, *Enjoying Intimacy with God* (Discovery House, 2001)
Brian S. Rosner, *Paul and the Law: Keeping the Commandments of God* (Apollos; InterVarsity, 2013)
James M. Todd III, *Sinai and the Saints: Reading Old Covenant Laws for the New Covenant Community* (IVP Academic, 2017)
Jason C. Meyer, *The End of the Law: Mosaic Covenant in Pauline Theology* (B&H, 2019)
Wayne G. Strickland, ed. *Five Views on Law and Gospel* (Zondervan, 1996)