

What Happens to a Community When the Holy Spirit Shows Up *2 Corinthians 3*

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1. Where the Spirit is, there is TRANSFORMATION (vv. 1-3)

- The best proof of Spiritual life isn't talk, or personal recommendation; it's the evidence of the Holy Spirit (see Gal. 5)
- If the Corinthians doubt Paul's legitimacy, they need to look at their own transformation
- The Spirit is proof that we belong to God – He writes His name on our hearts

2. Where the Spirit is, there is LIFE (vv. 4-6)

- No one is competent for Kingdom ministry without God's help – the Spirit
- Our work is not behavioralism, but leading people to Spirit-led life
- The old covenant was and is unable to give life

3. Where the Spirit is, there is GLORY (vv. 7-11)

- If the Law, which brings death, also brought glory when Moses read it, how much more will the Spirit, who brings life, bring glory?
- The Spirit's work is permanent

4. Where the Spirit is, there is FREEDOM (vv. 12-18)

- Even now, people who are addicted to the Law and prefer Moses, are still half-blind
- When we experience God's glory with unveiled hearts, we become BOLD!
- We know there is nothing to lose and no power that can stand when the Spirit is working in power
- We can be confident in His presence and power to fear nothing!

Questions for reflection, study, and small groups:

- 1) What does a community built on rule-keeping look like? Feel like?
- 2) How is the New Covenant different than the Old Covenant? What does the Holy Spirit have to do with it?
- 3) Paul tells the Corinthians that their own transformation is his “letter of recommendation”. What would your life be a recommendation for?
- 4) Paul says that when “one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed”. What is he talking about with that metaphor?
- 5) What are some characteristics of living an unveiled life by the power of the Holy Spirit?
- 6) Pray that the Holy Spirit would remove any veils so you can walk in His power.