

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-18

{Sunday, May 27, 2018 A.D.}

2 Corinthians 2:15-3:6

¹⁵ For **we are a fragrance of Christ to God** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;
¹⁶ to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life.

And **who is adequate for these things?** . . .

we speak **in Christ in the sight of God.** . . . you are **a letter of Christ, cared for by us,**
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but **on tablets of human hearts.** . . .

⁵ **Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves,**

but **our adequacy is from God,**

⁶ who also made us adequate as **servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit;**
for the **letter kills,** but the **Spirit gives life.**

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⁷ But **if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory,** so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of **Moses** because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,

⁸ **how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?**

⁹ For **if the ministry of condemnation has glory,**
much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

¹⁰ **For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it.**

¹¹ **For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.**

¹² **Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech,**

¹³ and **are not like Moses,** who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

¹⁴ But their minds were hardened; for

until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains
unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. ¹⁵ But **to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;**

¹⁶ but **whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** ¹⁷ Now **the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.** ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding **as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

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Q. 94. What does God require in the first commandment?

A. That, on peril of my soul's salvation, I avoid and flee all idolatry, sorcery, enchantments, invocation of saints or of other creatures; and that **I rightly acknowledge the only true God, trust in Him alone, with all humility and patience expect all good from Him only, and love, fear and honor Him with my whole heart;** so as rather to renounce all creatures than do the least thing against His will.

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