



John 17

20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.



ABOUNDING GLORY

2Cor 3:4-11



2 Corinthians 3:

4 Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. 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. 7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not



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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.

GOD'S WORTH?

- Paul had been asked for “papers” ...
 - Trying to prove his “worth” as an apostle
- It is not man, but God Who:
 - Makes the change in a willing heart
 - Gives life and removes guilt
 - Gives focus on the NEW covenant
 - Confidence, toward God? (4)



Romans 8:

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

GOD'S GIFT

- Servants of the New Covenant
 - Covenant of the Last Supper, of the cross!
 - Covenant of Spirit, not Law
 - Covenant of life, not death
- This makes us confident and able to:
 - Accomplish God's plans and live the Life!!!

GOD'S COMPARISON

- Two ministries are compared:
 1. Ministry of death/condemnation
 - Letters in Stone
 - Focused on laws no one could keep...
 - Not because they were bad, but we are!
 - This covenant came with GLORY!
 - On the Mountain; on Moses' face!

FADING GLORY?

- Mountain was filled with fire and smoke...
 - Moses' face was shining, a veil needed
 - And this was “fading”
 - Law built pride, self-righteousness, legalism, elite attitudes, hypocrisy...
 - It had to fade, because BETTER is HERE!!!

GOD'S COMPARISON

- Two ministries are compared:
- 2. Ministry of the Spirit
 - Living person giving life and breath
 - Not veiled, but face to face with Jesus
 - Dake lists 85 contrasts!!!
 - The BETTER has come IN Jesus!

GOD'S IDEA OF GREATER

- All the wonder and power...
- All the Glory of the Old Covenant...
- If that had glory...
- Compared to now – “no glory” (vs. 10)!!!
- The Old faded in Christ... the New surpasses!
- “much more” (vs.11)



2 Corinthians 3:

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.

1 Peter 2:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.