

*Gospel*



**THE GOSPEL AND  
BEING TRANSFORMED  
BY GLORY  
Lesson 5**

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**2 Corinthians 3:18**

**Even a glimpse of  
God's glory will  
transform us. Imagine  
what lots of glimpses  
will do!**

**“God’s glory is the  
created brightness that  
surrounds God’s  
revelation of himself; it  
is the visible  
manifestation of the  
excellence of God’s**

**character, God's glory is beyond our ability to gaze or comprehend fully, but it calls forth great delight and deep awe from us when we behold it even in part."**

# **I. Beholding The Glory Of Jesus: Understanding 2 Corinthians 3:18**

**“The glory of God is the most powerful agent of transformation available to mankind. It is so powerful that it transforms those who merely gaze upon it.”**

**~ Milton Vincent**



1. 2 Corinthians 3:7-11 –  
There was glory in the  
Law, but there is  
greater glory in the  
Spirit!

2. 2 Corinthians 3:12-17 –  
The glory we have is so  
much better and  
permanent, but to see it  
the veil must be  
removed!

**“But when one turns to  
the Lord. The veil is  
removed. Now the Lord  
is the Spirit, and where  
the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.”**

**~ 2 Corinthians 3:16-17**

**“If we want freedom from our blindness to the Beauty of God, we must have the Spirit. We are slaves to substitutes for divine Beauty until the Spirit takes the veil from our minds and grants us**

**with joy to see the beauty  
of the Lord.”**

~ John Piper

Sermon entitled, *“Jesus is Precious Because We  
Yearn for Beauty”*, March 28, 1982

3. 2 Corinthians 3:18 –  
What is the result of the  
veil being taken away?

**“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, *are being transformed from one degree of glory to another.* For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”**

**~ 2 Corinthians 3:18**

**“Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are—face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And**



**when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete.**

**We're free of it! All of us!**

**Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face.**

**And so we are transfigured  
much like the Messiah, our  
lives gradually becoming  
brighter and more beautiful  
as God enters our lives and  
we become like him.”**

~ Eugene Peterson  
*The Message*

4. 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 –  
But what does ‘glory’  
look like?

**“In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds on the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.”**

**~ 2 Corinthians 4:4**

**“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”**

**~ 2 Corinthians 4:6**

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# II. So What Does This Mean?

**“The word “gospel” means good news. What is the highest and best and final good in the good news? Is it justification by faith? Is it forgiveness of sins? Is it the removal of the wrath of God? Is it redemption from guilt**



**and liberation from slavery  
to sin? Is it salvation from  
hell? Is it entrance into  
heaven? Is it eternal life?  
Is it deliverance from all  
pain and sickness and  
conflict? All of these are  
precious promises bought  
by the blood of**

**Christ for everyone who believes in him. But they are not the highest and best and final good of the gospel. In fact, I would say unless they lead to something else, these are not good news at all. It is possible to believe in**

**all these things, and to want  
them and expect them, and  
still never have tasted what  
makes all the good things in  
the good news good. So  
what is the highest and best  
and final good that makes  
every part of the gospel**

**good news? The ultimate  
good of the good news is:  
the glory of God in the face  
of Christ.”**

~ John Piper  
Sermon entitled, *“What Makes the Good News  
Good?”*, May 1, 2005

**“Then I saw a new heaven  
and a new earth, for the first  
heaven and the first earth  
had passed away, and the  
sea was no more. And I saw  
the holy city, New  
Jerusalem, coming down  
out of heaven from God,**

**prepared as a bride adorned  
for her husband. And I  
heard a loud voice from the  
throne saying, “Behold, the  
dwelling place of God is  
with man. He will dwell with  
them, and they will be his  
people, and God himself will**

**be with them as their  
God. He will wipe away  
every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more,  
neither shall there be  
mourning, nor crying, nor  
pain anymore, for the  
former things have passed  
away.” And he who**

**was seated on the throne  
said, “Behold, I am making  
all things new.” Also he  
said, “Write this down, for  
these words are trustworthy  
and true.” And he said to  
me, “It is done! I am the  
Alpha and the Omega, the  
beginning**



**and the end. To the thirsty I  
will give from the spring of  
the water of life without  
payment.”**

~ Revelation 21:1-6

**“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a**

**jasper, clear as crystal...The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel...and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its**

**temple is the Lord God the  
Almighty and the Lamb.  
And the city has no need of  
sun or moon to shine on it,  
for the glory of God gives it  
light, and its lamp is the  
Lamb.”**

**~ Revelation 21:10-23**

**“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the**

**river, the tree of life with  
its twelve kinds of fruit,  
yielding its fruit each  
month. The leaves of the  
tree were for the healing  
of the nations. No longer  
will there be anything  
accursed, but the throne**

**of God and of the Lamb  
will be in it, and his  
servants will worship him.**

**They will see his face,  
and his name will be on  
their foreheads. And night  
will be no more. They will  
need no light of**

**lamp or sun, for the Lord  
God will be their light,  
and they will reign forever  
and ever.”**

~ Revelation 22:1-5



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