

# A Glorious Change

## II Corinthians 3:5-4:18

**Theme:** Because of the incredible working of God the \_\_\_\_\_, God the \_\_\_\_\_, and God the \_\_\_\_\_, every believer has the opportunity to glorify God by being \_\_\_\_\_.

### Background:

1. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the church of Corinth on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey
2. The church caused great \_\_\_\_\_ to the Apostle Paul's life and ministry.
3. Paul didn't give up but spent much time \_\_\_\_\_ with the church.

### Communication Timeline:

1. Paul wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ letter to the church he had planted
2. The church wrote a letter back to him with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. Paul wrote I Corinthians to answer the \_\_\_\_\_ and deal with specific \_\_\_\_\_ that had been brought to his attention by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Chloe.
4. Paul made a painful \_\_\_\_\_ (II Cor 2:1) to the church to deal with problems (especially false \_\_\_\_\_ who were defaming Paul's reputation)
5. Paul wrote another \_\_\_\_\_ letter \_\_\_\_\_ the church for its behavior
6. Paul received word from \_\_\_\_\_ that the church was doing better so he wrote II Corinthians in \_\_\_\_\_ to their repentance.

## I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Change (3:18)

### *But we all*

-All whom the indwelling Holy Spirit has made \_\_\_\_\_ through Salvation (including Paul)

### *With open face*

-A face that is \_\_\_\_\_ or uncovered

### *As in a glass the glory of the Lord*

-This literally means as in a \_\_\_\_\_—Looking face to face with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Jesus Christ.

### *Changed into the same image*

-\_\_\_\_\_ into the same image that is being beheld in the mirror—Jesus Christ.

### *From Glory to Glory*

-This is the progressive nature of the \_\_\_\_\_ of changing and bringing \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

### *By the Spirit*

This change is made possible by the Holy Spirit of God which \_\_\_\_\_ every believer.

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Change (3:5-17)

The change is possible through the working of our \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### A. Made possible by the triumphant working of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_

1. The glory of the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ superseded the less glorious ministry of the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant (3:6-16)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ did away with the blinding \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13)

### B. Made possible by the enlightening ministry of the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Brings \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ's work (3:17)
2. Brings enlightenment in the change \_\_\_\_\_ (3:18)

### C. Made possible by the Authoritative Power of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

1. God's same power expressed in the \_\_\_\_\_ is expressed in our hearts. (4:6)
2. God is all sufficient in giving us the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Testament/Covenant (3:5,6)

## III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Change (4:1-18)

### A. A commitment to faithful \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-2)

1. That \_\_\_\_\_ not  
-to become discouraged or \_\_\_\_\_ heart
2. That has renounced \_\_\_\_\_  
-to disown \_\_\_\_\_ ways
3. That does not walk in craftiness  
-conducting self in \_\_\_\_\_ or trickery
4. That does not \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God deceitfully  
-distorting the Word of God
5. That by truth lives with a good \_\_\_\_\_ to God and man  
-living truth so no one can \_\_\_\_\_ you of wrongdoing

### B. A confidence in being a useable \_\_\_\_\_ (4:7)

### C. A confidence in future \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13-18)

1. By \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13)
2. Through the resurrection (4:14)
3. Despite present \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16-18)

### So What? Consider these questions:

-Do I realize and appreciate that God has given you the opportunity to become more like Christ—to Change?

-Do I appreciate what God has done for you through Christ?

-Am I willing to change? Am I pliable? moldable?

-What is keeping me back from beholding Him with open face as in a mirror?

-God reveals Himself through the Word of God—Am I in it?

-Do I behold the face Jesus Christ daily?

-Am I discouraged in the projects and ministry that God has given me on this earth or am I confident, like Paul, knowing what kind of ministry He has entrusted to me?

-Am I faithful through suffering because of what He is doing to and for me?