



## A COVENANT OF SPIRIT, NOT LAW

### 2nd CORINTHIANS 3

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**BIG IDEA:** Because of the new covenant, the veil is lifted! You are set free to live a transformed life that reflects the glory of God.

#### **YOUR LIFE IS PROOF THAT THE NEW COVENANT IS REAL.**

(1-3)

<sup>3</sup> And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered 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.

#### **YOU ARE SUFFICIENT TO MINISTER IN THE NEW COVENANT.**

(4-6)

<sup>6</sup> who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Old Covenant: Noah, Moses, David (The Law)

New Covenant: The Gospel (Salvation by grace through faith)

#### **YOU DON'T HAVE TO "SELL" THE NEW COVENANT. (7-11)**

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

Exodus 34:29-35: The story of Moses' veil

#### **THE NEW COVENANT LIFTS YOUR VEIL AND REPLACES IT WITH GLORY. (12-18)**

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

**For next Sunday, read 2 Cor. 4**

## 2 Corinthians 3

**A COVENANT OF SPIRIT,  
NOT LAW**

# BIG IDEA:

Because of the new covenant, the veil of shame is lifted! You are set free to live a transformed life that reflects the glory of God.

# Chapter 1: **The God of All Comfort**

# Chapter 2: **The aroma of Christ**

**Your life is proof that the  
New Covenant is real.**

**(1-3)**

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all.

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-2**

And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:3



1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make any idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember to keep the Sabbath holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.

**6.** You shall not murder.

**7.** You shall not commit adultery.

**8.** You shall not steal.

**9.** You shall not bear false witness.

**10.** You shall not covet.

**You are sufficient to minister  
in the New Covenant.**

**(4-6)**

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-5**

who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:6**

# THE OLD COVENANT

**WHAT IS THE NEW COVENANT?**

**You don't have to "sell" the  
New Covenant.**

**(7-11)**



Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-8**

For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:9**

# **EXODUS 34:29-32**

**The New Covenant lifts your veil  
and replaces it with glory.**

**(12-18)**

Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 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 3:15-17**

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

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:18**

# **EXODUS 34:33-35**