

Resurrection Life

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The Surpassing Glory of Christ 2 Corinthians 3: 7-11

Through Moses and the law, God gave Israel a glimpse of his glory.

Ex. 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. **30** Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. **32** Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. **33** And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. **34** Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, **35** the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

1. This glory revealed the depths of humanity's sinfulness...

Ex. 34:30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

2. ... and the consequences attached.

2 Cor. 3:6 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.

Through Christ, God has revealed the fullness of his glory.

1. Life with Jesus is vastly superior to a life lived by human effort.

- a. Compare these opposing characteristics:

- death vs. the Spirit (life) (vv. 7-8)

2 Cor. 3:7 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, **8** will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

- condemnation vs. righteousness (v. 9)

2 Cor. 3:9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

- no glory vs. surpassing glory (v. 10)

2 Cor. 3:10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.

- fading away vs. never leaving (vs. 11)

2 Cor. 3:11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

b. Look at who He is and what He has accomplished: (Hebrews 7:18-28)

- He guarantees our relationship with God. (v. 22)

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

- He holds his priestly position permanently. (v. 24)

...but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever

- He offers salvation as our advocate before God. (v. 25)

...he is able to save to the uttermost... since he always lives to make intercession for them

- He surpasses any other priest, in every way. (v. 26)

...holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted

- His sacrifice appeased God's wrath completely. (v. 27)

...he did this once for all when he offered up himself

- His foretold obedience established his sufficiency. (v. 28)

...but the word of the oath... appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever

Reflection/Discussion

1. Which of the list of contrasts between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in Jesus grip you the strongest? Why? Which of them are you uncertain about?

2. Read over the list of Jesus's accomplishments that benefit you in the New Covenant. How have you personally experienced the effects of his life? Pick a couple of points and apply them to your own experience.

SONGS

"I AM SET FREE" – Leslie Jordan

"THE LION AND THE LAMB" – Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" – David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"CORNERSTONE" – Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, Eric Liljero

BUDGET

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