

# Resurrection Life

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God Expands the New Covenant Benefits Through Our Influence  
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

## Review

*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?...**18** 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.

### 1. The New Covenant determines the character of our influence

- We have a sense of hopeful confidence through the New Covenant  
*2 Cor. 4: 1* Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.
- We act honorably, without resorting to manipulation  
*2 Cor. 4: 2a* But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways.
- We don't distort the message to make it more palatable  
*2 Cor. 4: 2b* We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word...
- With God as our audience, we present a clear message so all can respond  
*2 Cor. 4: 2c* ...but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

### 2. Undaunted by opposition, we openly share the gospel so others can respond

- What gospel are we telling and what is meant by "veiled"?  
*2 Cor. 4:3a* And even if our gospel is veiled...
- Who are "the veiled" people"?  
*2 Cor. 4:3b* ...it is veiled to those who are perishing.
- Who produces the "veiling"?  
*2 Cor. 4:4* In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Eph. 2:1** *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

### 3. The Father partners with us, revealing himself through the gospel of Jesus

- **What do we do with our influence?**  
*2 Cor. 4:5* *For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*
- **What is the Father doing in the process?**  
*2 Cor. 4:6* *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.*
- **What happens as a result?**  
*2 Cor.3: 16* *But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed...18* *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...*

### Reflection & Discussion

1. When did God first "shine in your heart" the light of his glory in the face of Jesus? How does that experience shape the way you share with others?
2. Think of a time when you were disheartened in regard to sharing your Christian hope. What discouraging factors were involved? Have those factors been addressed during our study in 2 Corinthians? If so, how?
3. Reflect on, or share a time when, you understood more of God's glorious character through "seeing" something new about Jesus. How did that vision of glory change you?

### SONGS

"WE PRAISE YOU" - Brandon Lake, Brian Johnson, Matt Redman, and Phil Wickham

"JESUS, TAKE ALL OF ME" - Brenton Brown and Charlotte Elliott

"YOUR GLORY" - Leslie Jordan

"JESUS WE LOVE YOU" - Hannah McClure, Kalley Heiligenthal, and Paul McClure

### BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 24,431.87

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$523,520.47

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$577,488.00