

## **2 Corinthians**

### **Lesson #7, Chapter 3:12-18**

Read Chapter 3 again before beginning this lesson. Take time to seek the Lord, asking Him for His help as you study His Word.

1. Referring to the preceding verses, what is the hope Paul mentions in verse 12?
2. What does the hope cause him to do (verse 12)? What does he speak about?
3. Who does Paul contrast himself with and what were the circumstances (verse 13)? See also Ex. 34:29-35.
4. What is the contrast between Paul's boldness and Moses' veiling?
5. Eager Beaver: What do you learn about the glory of the Lord from these verses? See Ex. 16:10; 24:16-17; 33:17-23 (also 1 Tim. 6:16 and Is. 6:1-5); 34:29-35; 40:34-35.
6. Verses 13-16 refer to the children of Israel. What is their response to the gospel?

7. What do you observe about unbelievers from the following verses? See Rom. 3:10-12; 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Eph. 4:17-18.
  
8. How can a person be saved then? See Jn. 6:37, 44, 65; Acts 16:14, 31; 17:30; 26:20; Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Thess. 2:13. Summarize what you find in these verses.
  
9. In verse 17, Paul includes a mini lesson about the work of the Holy Spirit. First, what does the Holy Spirit do? Second, according to the context of verses 12-16, what is Paul's purpose in doing so?
  
10. Define *liberty* [ESV, NIV *freedom* (Strong's #1657)].
  
11. What liberty does the Lord give us? See Jn. 8:31-36; Acts. 15:10; Rom. 7:6; 8:15, 21; Gal. 5:1, 13; 1 Pet. 2:16.
  
12. In verse 18 who does the transforming? What are we being transformed into (See also Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:10)? How does that transformation take place?
  
13. What promises do we have that the Lord will be faithful to change us as He said? See 1 Cor. 1:4-9; Phil. 1:6; 1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Pet. 1:2-4.

14. God is faithful to transform us, to not leave us as we are now. As He is faithfully working in us we can make daily choices that will speed us on our way to being made like Him. Look at 2 Pet. 1:2-11. What do you learn about the daily choices we need to make?

The will is like a garrison which holds out against God: the Spirit with sweet violence conquers, or rather changes it; making the sinner willing to have Christ upon any terms; to be ruled by Him as well as saved by Him.

– Thomas Watson