CONTEMPLATING THE LORD’S GLORY

2 Corinthians 3:7–4:6

Key Verse: 3:18

1. Review how Paul had contrasted the old and new covenants (3:6). How does he go on to compare these two ministries? (7,8) What characterizes “the ministry of the Spirit”? (verse 3; see also Jer31:33; Eze36:26)
2. How does Paul emphasize the glory of the ministry of the new covenant? (9–11) Why do we need to know this glory? What hope does Paul refer to, how does it affect us, and why do we need to be like this? (12)
3. Why did Moses need to wear a veil? (13; see verse 7 and Ex34:29–35) What does Paul say that veil represents? (14,15) How can it be “taken away” from us? (14b,16; see also 1Co2:7–10) Read verse 17. In this context, what is this “freedom”?
4. Read verse 18. What does it mean to “contemplate the Lord’s glory”? To be “transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory”? (18b) How can this happen? (18c) Why is this so important?
5. What did Paul conclude, and why? (4:1) How else did this glory impact his ministry? (2) What else did he say about the veil and about Christ? (3,4) What was the focus of his preaching? (5) How does God help us with his “light,” and how does this change us? (6)