

## **God's Presence: Removing the Veil to See Christ Clearly (The Unveiled Christ)**

**2 Cor 3:14-18**

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A time of spiritual renewal is upon us – we live in a culture/world that wants to experience God.

1. This text is part of the Corinthian correspondence with a strong emphasis on Christ (see 1 Cor. 2:1-2; 2 Cor. 1:19-22).
2. Chapters 2-7 provide a strong theology of ministry.
3. In chap. 3, the Old Testament parallel text is Exodus 34

How does one experience Christ?

1. Turn to God, veil lifts
2. God then turns us into his likeness

Re: #1: Let go, release, this is not about performance where one lives under the veil, find the new Kingdom, let go of the kingdom of self.

Re: #2: This is God's movement, not ours, a little at a time, almost imperceptible, glory to glory, little by little

Paul gives three examples of the process:

- 3:1-3 Our hearts are changed as God writes on our hearts by the HS
- 3:4-6 Our competence/dependency is changed by God's life changing HS
- 3:7-11 Our righteousness is changed by the HS