

I. We are made ministers to the glory of God

II. Two themes in 2 Cor 3

- a. Unwritten grace of God (vs 1-6)
 - i. Grace is “Favor that flows from God solely because of who He is without regard for the worth or merit of the one to whom it flows.”
- b. Unveiled glory of God (vs 7-18) – this week’s theme
 - i. Glory is “The supernaturally manifested, radiant, pure, holy and divine
 - ii. presence of God”
 - 1. Paul will demonstrate this by using 7 contrasts

III. 2 Cor 3:7-8

- a. Contrast #1 between death and life

IV. 2 Cor 3:9

- a. Contrast #2 between condemnation and righteousness

V. 2 Cor 3:10

- a. Contrast #3 between the fading glory of the old and the surpassing glory of the new

VI. 2 Cor 3:11

- a. Contrast #4 between temporary glory and permanent glory

VII. 2 Cor 3:12-13

- a. Contrast #5 between veiled approach and boldly approaching

VIII. 2 Cor 3:14

- a. Contrast #6 between veiled glory and unveiled glory

IX. 2 Cor 3:15

- a. Contrast #7 between rely on themselves or turn to the Lord
 - i. “The better I behave; the more God will like me.”
 - 1. “If I behave badly, God will not like me.”

X. Hidden Contrast #8

- a. Between their own works and the work of Christ
 - i. There is freedom in Christ (2 Cor 3:17)
 - 1. They (we) are being transformed into His image (2 Cor 3:18)
 - a. Php 1:6