

Appropriating Our New Covenant Blessings in the Holy Spirit
2 Corinthians 3:1-18 February 19, 2023

1. The Spirit's ministry is **internal** (3:1-3)
No external reference letters needed. None.
Q. Have you seen God change the lives of people you love?

2. The Spirit's ministry of the new covenant is life giving (3:4-6)
The letter kills by diagnosing w/out **curing** (Gal. 2:15-16)
The Spirit gives life (John 3:5)
Q. Do you thrive in the life God has given you?

3. The Spirit's ministry is "*much more*" **glorious** (3:7-11)
The Law could only condemn and was fading
The Spirit brings righteousness and is lasting
Q. Are you thrilled to be taught and daily led by the Spirit?

4. The Spirit brings people face to face with **Christ** (3:12-16)
What was the "*veil*" all about (Exodus 34:29-35)?

The veil prevented the people from focusing on the fading glory on Moses' face and reminded them of lost intimacy with God.

"*Only in Christ is the veil taken away*" (Luke 24:25-27, 44-45)
Q. Do you see Christ clearly in the Bible?

5. The Spirit's ministry is **liberating** (3:17, also John 8:36)
"The Lord is the Spirit" (see also Romans 8:9)
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love
There is comfort in life's darkest hour
There is light and life, there is hope and power
In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord
Q. Are you free in worship, fellowship, confession, mission, etc?

6. The Spirit's ministry is **transformational** (3:18)
Q. Are you continually being changed into Christ's likeness?

Coming in March! "*What Happens When You Die?*"

In our study of 2 Corinthians we will hit the "pause" button after studying 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 on Sunday, March 5th. We will take time to examine Scripture and along the way answer your most pressing questions—or even your curiosities—about the end of life and what comes next. We'll take three weeks: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26.

We need your questions! We are opening a "mail bag" to gather questions, all kinds of questions, from as many different people as possible. **Email your questions** to tom.s@silvertonfirstbaptist.org

Here are some questions to get you started.

- 1) What happened to Jesus after he died on Friday and before he rose on Sunday? Did he go anywhere and do anything?
- 2) When someone dies do they become an angel? A ghost? Or?
- 3) Is cremation okay for a Christian? What does the Bible say?
- 4) Is reincarnation a thing? What does the Bible say?
- 5) Where are these places located—Heaven; Hell; Hades; Sheol; Gehenna; Paradise?
- 6) Do I get a new body immediately after death or later? What do I do and where do I go while waiting or . . . am I just sleeping?
- 7) Are humans made up of body *and* soul *and* spirit? Is there a difference between these 'parts' and why does it matter?

LifeGroup sign-ups are happening now.

1. Prayer and Bible study are spiritual practices/habits best learned with others in a safe and trusted setting.
2. Each commitment to meet with others is for a limited time only, with possible renewals every few months.
3. Life's hard times and good times are both better shared, one for your encouragement and the other for your joy.

ACTION STEP

Mark a communication card with "LG" and we'll know you want more info. Be sure to request a follow-up call, text or email.