



## Introduction - The Comfort of God - Part 3

Have you ever felt the need to "prove" yourself? Whether it's a resume, a social media profile, or a list of accomplishments, we often look for external validation to feel competent. In 2 Corinthians 3, Paul shifts the focus from external credentials to the internal transformation of the heart. He contrasts the "letter" of the law with the "Spirit" of life, showing us that our true adequacy comes from God alone. This week, we explore how God's Spirit removes the veils of shame and inadequacy, transforming us into a "living letter" of His glory.

### Scripture Focus:

- 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

### Discussion Questions:

1. **The Living Letter:** Paul says the Corinthian believers are his "letter of recommendation" (vv. 2-3). If someone were to "read" your life this past week, what story would it tell about Christ's work in you?
2. **Confidence vs. Competence:** In verses 5-6, Paul distinguishes between being "competent in ourselves" and "competence from God." What is the danger of relying on our own competence in our families, jobs, or ministries?
3. **The Killing Letter:** Verse 6 says, "the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." Have you ever experienced a "rules-based" faith that felt draining? How does the Holy Spirit change that perspective?
4. **Removing the Veil:** Moses wore a veil because the glory was fading (v. 13), but we are called to have "unveiled faces." What are some modern "veils" (shame, pride, fear) that prevent us from being authentic with God and others?
5. **Continuous Transformation:** Verse 18 describes a process of being "transformed... with ever-increasing glory." How have you seen your character or perspective change since you began following Christ? Where do you still hope to see growth?