

## ***LESSON 3 - 2 Corinthians 3***



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 3:7-11

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 3:12-15

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 3 Review



**Day 1** *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

**Step 1 Look in God's Word**- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

**2 Corinthians 3:1-6**

**Step 2 Learn the Lesson**- What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Listen to His Voice** - What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts**- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Live in Response**- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Digging Deeper***

**Commentary:** Letters [*Epistles*] of commendation [introduction]: Such letters were common and necessary in the early church. Unfortunately some false prophets would forge letters in order to deceive the believers by saying “Paul sent me, so you should support me.” Paul wrote letters of introduction and would send them ahead or with the person who was going on behalf of Paul.

1. Who did Paul write letters of introduction/commendation for?
  - a. Rom 16:1-2
  - b. 2 Cor 8:16-24
  - c. Colossians 4:10

**Commentary:** The word ‘trust’ in verse 4 is “*pepoithēsis*”; in Greek, it means to put confidence and reliance in God through Christ. Paul was not boasting in his ability but in God’s ability to use him the way He did. Our lives are not transformed because of a great sermon or any man, but by the Spirit of God. When you are a willing ‘vessel’ Jesus will do great things in and through you.

“Our sufficiency is of God; let us practically enjoy this truth. We are poor, leaking vessels, and the only way for us to keep full is to put our pitcher under the perpetual flow of boundless grace. Then, despite its leakage, the cup will always be full to the brim.” Spurgeon<sup>5</sup>

2. What was Paul confident of according to verses 5 & 6?
3. Unbelievers accomplish and succeed at many things in this world, but what does John 6:63 teach us?
4. What is the ‘new covenant’ Paul speaks of?

**Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.**

**Step 1 Look in God's Word-** Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

**2 Corinthians 3:7-11**

**Step 2 Learn the Lesson-** What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Listen to His Voice -** What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts-** Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Live in Response-** How will I respond and what will I do differently?

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Digging Deeper***

**Commentary:** “Paul contrasts the glory of the Ten Commandments with the glory of the life-giving Spirit. If the law that leads to death was glorious, how much more glorious is God’s plan to give us life through His Spirit!”<sup>6</sup> The old covenant had glory but how glorious is the new covenant of grace through Jesus Christ. The law condemns us but it also points us to Christ- we need Him because we cannot keep the law to perfection, which is what God requires.

1. The Law is the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ and the ministry of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ . (v8,9)
2. Read Exodus 34:27-29. Why did Moses’ appearance and demeanor change?
3. How does your appearance and demeanor (attitudes, thinking etc.) change when you have spent time with the Lord? Is it visible to those around you?

**Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.**

**Step 1 Look in God's Word**- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

**2 Corinthians 3:12-15**

**Step 2 Learn the Lesson**- What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Listen to His Voice** - What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts**- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Live in Response**- How will I respond and what will I do differently?





**Day 4 Pray for Missionaries**

**Step 1 Look in God's Word-** Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

**2 Corinthians 3:16-18**

**Step 2 Learn the Lesson-** What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Listen to His Voice -** What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts-** Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Live in Response-** How will I respond and what will I do differently?

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Digging Deeper***

**Commentary:** “Of course, it could be said that the Jews are not the only ones for whom a veil lies on their heart. Gentiles also have “veils” that separate them from seeing Jesus and His work for us clearly. But Jesus is more than able to take those veils away! This points to the essential need of prayer in evangelism. It has been rightly said that it is more important to talk to God about men than it is to talk to men about God. But we can do both!”<sup>8</sup>

We now have access to God and His transforming presence because of the new covenant. Through the new covenant we are given the Spirit of the Lord. The work of transformation is performed by God in us, it is not by our efforts or works. We can not achieve or earn the dramatic change in our lives. Only by placing ourselves in His hands can His Spirit begin the transformation in us so we can reflect the glory of the Lord.

1. What happens to the person who turns to the Lord and why? (v16-17)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Once you give your life over to Christ what can you be confident of according to Romans 8:1?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Now that we can see clearly (with unveiled face) what is happening to us and what are we to do? (v18)  
Give a personal example of a transformation since accepting Christ.

**Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group**

**Step 1 Look in God's Word-** Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

**Read 2 Corinthians 3*****Digging Deeper***

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

**S**cripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

**O**bservation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

**A**pplication: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

**P**ray: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.