

The Ministry is Transforming

2 Corinthians 3

Wednesday evening, December 8, 2010

2 Corinthians 1-7: The Ministry Explained

2 Corinthians 8-9: The Ministry of Giving Encouraged

2 Corinthians 10-13: The Ministry Enforced

1. The Ministry of Explained (2 Corinthians 1-7)

A. The Suffering of the Ministry (1:1-2:13)

1. The Ministry is Victorious (2:14-17)
2. The Ministry is Transforming (3:1-18)
3. The Ministry is Powerful (4:1-18)
4. The Ministry is Motivated (5:1-21)
5. The Ministry is Separated (6:1-7:1)
6. The Ministry is Comforting (7:2-16)

B. The Glory of the Ministry (2 Corinthians 2:14-7:16)

1. The Ministry is Victorious (2:14-17).
2. The Ministry is Transforming (3:1-18). Paul contrasts Salvation by Works and Salvation by Grace. The Old Covenant verses the New Covenant.

a. Tables of Stone verses Living Epistles (3:1-3)

- 1) The 10 Commandments on Stone tablets changed no lives
- 2) The Gospel of Grace produced Living Epistles

b. Death of the Letter verses the Life of the Spirit (3:4-6)

- 1) The letter or the Law kills the disobedient
- 2) The Spirit gives Life to the believing

c. The Glory of the Law verses The Exceeding Glory of Grace (3:7-11)

- 1) The Law of death and condemnation began in glory
- 2) The Gospel of life and righteousness exceeds in glory

d. Temporal verses Permanent Transformation (3:12-18)

- 1) Moses' transformation was temporary (3:12-13)
- 2) Israel's transformation was postponed (3:14-17)

3) Believer's transformation is permanent (3:18)