

Who Am I? Part III

"An *Unveiled Minister*"

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on September 30, 2018

Entering In:

The Bible consists of numerous metaphors. Share one that is most meaningful to you.

1. To what is Paul referring when he mentions "the ministry that brought death"? (Exodus 34:29-35; cf. 32:15, 16)

Why did he refer to this covenant as being "of the letter"?

Does this mean that the old covenant was not "of the Spirit"? (2 Timothy 3:16)

What was the glory that it came with?

To what glory does Paul compare the glory of the covenant at Mt. Sinai?

What two observations does he make in his comparison?

How do you answer those who say that the Law Covenant no longer applies to God's people because it has been replaced by a new covenant that is of the Spirit?

2. In vs.9, what is the ministry that brings righteousness? (1 Cor. 1:30)

Explain briefly in your own words how you have become righteous.

Which covenant is more glorious? Why do you think that is?

3. To what "hope" (v.12) Paul is referring?

Do you have the hope Paul talks about in vs. 12?

If not, what is holding you back? If yes, how has that emboldened you?

When Paul says that "we are very bold", what is it that "we are very bold" to do? How did Paul demonstrate this in his own ministry?

How bold are you about proclaiming the Gospel? What gives you that boldness?

4. Why did Moses wear a veil when he was reading the covenant to God's people?

How does Paul apply the metaphor of the veil to explain some people's response to his preaching of the Gospel?

How is this compatible with Jesus' teaching in parables? (Matthew 13:10-17)

What is the only means by which this veil can be removed?

What are people able to see when the veil is removed (keep in mind that the New Testament had not yet been written when Paul said this)?

Has the veil been removed from your heart? How would anyone know that?

5. When Paul says, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom", what does *freedom* mean? Explain all your choices.

- A. We are free of the requirements of the whole law
- B. We have been set free from our blindness so that we can understand the law properly
- C. We have been set free from our slavery to sin so that we are now able to obey the law
- D. God no longer regulates worship
- E. We have free will to choose to turn to the Lord or not
- F. Other

What does verse 17 tell you about God? How does that make a difference in your life?

6. How does Paul define *transformed* in verse 18?

Into what are we being transformed? How does this happen?

How have you seen this progression in your own life from the time you first turned to the Lord to the present time?

7. What two types of glory did Jesus speak of in his high priestly prayer for the church?

- John 17:1-4
- John 17:5

Which of these two kinds of *glory* does Paul have in mind when he speaks of our "ever-increasing glory"?

How do we as humans reflect the Lord's glory? How do you see that happening in your life?

Living It Out:

Pray for someone who is being transformed into Christ-likeness.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will remove obstacles to your own transformation.