

# The Light of the Gospel

## Introduction

1. The apostle Paul writes about the light of the gospel and veiled hearts.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

2. Let's look at an analogy from the book of Exodus and 2 Corinthians.

**Exodus 34:29-35**

**2 Corinthians 3:13-16**

- A. A veil on Moses' face hid the fading glory.
  - B. A veil on the Jews' hearts hid the greater glory.
2. Satan blinds minds to hide the light of the gospel.
  3. The light of the gospel opens our minds to save us.
    - A. Christ shines forth the glory of God.
    - B. Veiled minds cannot see God's glory in Christ.
    - C. Honest hearts see God's glory in Christ.

## The Glory of God Shines Forth Through Christ

1. We see the final and greatest revelation of God's glory.  
**Hebrews 1:1-3**
2. God's glory shined in Jesus' face on the Mount of Transfiguration.  
**Matthew 17:1-5**
3. The purpose of God's salvation is fulfilled in Christ.  
**Ephesians 1:3-7**

## A Veiled Mind Cannot See the Light of the Gospel

1. Satan veils men's hearts by deceiving them.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

2. The Jews loved their religious and cultural traditions.

2 Corinthians 3:14-15 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

- A. They refused to see the fulfillment of Christ and the removal of the Old Testament law of Moses.

- B. Unfortunately, many today will not see for the same reason.**
- 1) Idol religions: cannot see the one true God of the Bible.**
  - 2) Islam: cannot see Christ as the last prophet.**
  - 3) Catholics: cannot see that the original church in the Bible has no Pope, no rituals, no purgatory.**
  - 4) Denominations: do not see that the original gospel includes conditions of pardon and the pattern for the New Testament church.**
- 3. Satan blinds us with the love of sin.**  
**1 John 2:15-17**
- A. Lust of the flesh: fornication, adultery, homosexuality, modern dancing, the use of alcohol and drugs.**
  - B. Lust of the eyes: Covetousness, envy, jealousy, gambling, pornography.**
  - C. Pride of life: trusting in riches, education, family ties, or any earthly achievement.**

## **Honest Hearts See the Light of the Gospel**

- 1. God's glory shines brightly in the gospel revelation.**
- 2. Honest hearts will seek God and His truth.**

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek, and you will find**; knock, and it will be opened to you.

- 3. The Ethiopian Eunuch saw God's glory and sought the truth.**  
**Acts 8:27-39**

## Conclusion

### 1. The light of the gospel and veiled hearts:

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### 2. Satan blinds minds to hide the light of the gospel.

### 3. The light of the gospel opens our minds in order to save us!

A. Christ shines forth the glory of God.

B. Veiled minds cannot see God's glory in Christ.

C. Honest hearts see God's glory in Christ.

### 4. I encourage you – please let the light of Christ shine into your heart.

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, **and wash away your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord.'

A. Submit now to Christ before it is everlastingly too late!

