

HOLY SPIRIT PART 4

The Liberating Ministry of the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

1. The Verification of Paul's Credentials

2 Corinthians 3:1 (NIV) Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you?

2 Corinthians 3:2 (NIV) You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NIV) You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:4 (NIV) Such confidence we have through Christ before God.

2. The Source of Paul's Competency

2 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV) Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

3. The Contrasting of Two Covenants

2 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV) He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:7-8 (NIV)

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

Jeremiah 31:31 (NIV) “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

Jeremiah 31:32 (NIV) It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was husband to them,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:33 (NIV) “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

2 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV) If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

2 Corinthians 3:10 (NIV) For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.

2 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV) And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

2 Corinthians 3:12 (NIV) Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

2 Corinthians 3:13 (NIV) We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

2 Corinthians 3:14 (NIV) But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

4. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:15 (NIV) Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV) But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV) And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV) And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:13 (NIV) You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.