



QUESTIONS FOR 2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-18

1. Paul's confidence in ministry came from knowing that he was a minister of the new covenant in the age of the Spirit. How does knowing that we live as new covenant believers in the age of the Spirit help us have confidence in speaking with others about Jesus or about sin?
2. What are the three contrasts Paul makes between the Old Covenant and the New in vss 7-11? This doesn't tell us all the details, but it gives us a better idea of how those covenants work - what are some of the things it tells us? Cf. vss 3- 6 as well.
3. How does 4:4 help us understand what image we are being transformed into in 3:18?
4. 3:18 puts us all in the position of Moses. We are the ones with unveiled faces looking at the glory of the Lord, and being changed by the sight of him. Cf. 1 John 3:2 to see this same idea of 'beholding and becoming'.

Questions from **Chapter 3** of Caring for One Another. The focus of the chapter is on 'knowing the heart'. Please refer to the chapter for more detail.

We want to practise asking these heart searching questions to ourselves and grow in our own *transparency* before the Lord. Then we can learn to move more openly and deeply towards others.

- 1) What questions help you to make your way into your own heart?
 - what do you love? (This asks about the objects of your desire)
 - what makes you happy? (This listens for desires satisfied)
 - what makes you sad (This asks about desires postponed or denied)
 - what makes you angry? (This too asks about desires denied)
 - what do you fear? (This asks about desires at risk)

- 2) Practice seeing evidence of the Spirit's work (e.g. patience, kindness, self control) in others this week, and make an effort to tell them.