

The Ministry: Its New Covenant 2 Corinthians 03: 06–18

1 *The minister serves a new covenant*

2 *The old was a written law;
the new is the Spirit*

3 *The old kills;
the new gives life*

4 *The old was glorious;
the new is more glorious*

a. Illustration by Moses

b. Is clearly evident

5 *The old brought condemnation;
the new brings righteousness*

6 *The old faded away;
the new is permanent*

7 *The old spoke with veiled meanings;
the new speaks with plain meaning*

a. Veiled meanings illustrated by Moses

b. Veiled understanding remains
even today under the old covenant

c. Veiled understanding is removed
only by turning to Christ. Exo. 34:35

6 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.

7 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,
fading though it was,

8 Will not the ministry of the Spirit
be even more glorious?

9 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious,
how much more glorious is the ministry
that brings righteousness!

10 For what was glorious has no glory now
in comparison with the surpassing glory.

11 And if what was fading away came with glory,
how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope,
we are very bold.

13 We are not like Moses,
who would put a veil over his face
to keep the Israelites from gazing at it
while the radiance was fading away.

14 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.

15 Even to this day when Moses is read,
a veil covers their hearts.

16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord,
the veil is taken away.

8 *The new covenant brings liberty through the Lord Jesus Christ*

- a. In Him is liberty
- b. In reflecting the Lord's glory we are transformed into His image

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

18 And we,
who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory,
are being transformed into his likeness
with ever-increasing glory,
which comes from the Lord,
who is the Spirit.