

# Reflecting Good News

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***And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.***

***~2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)***

## **1) A Jesus Story Reflecting God's Unseen Glory**

- A) Like today, recommendation letters (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:1-6) in the ancient world were 3<sup>rd</sup> party testimonies of personal relationship which affirmed character and expertise.
- B) Incredibly, the testimony of Jesus Christ is authenticated by the Spirit-written lives of God's people, rather than on the pages of books (cf. Psalm 37:30-31).
- C) The ministry of God's Spirit (indwelling the hearts of His people) is more glorious than even the Old Testament Law, and reflects God's glory with greater brilliance (3:8, 16-18).
- D) WE are entrusted with this great ministry of "reflecting" (4:1, 5-6)! We reflect Jesus (cf. Colossians 1:28-29)! It is His light and His life which we reflect, God's great glory!
- E) With a selfless "jars of clay" heart (4:7-12) we reflect the brilliant grace and hope of the Gospel of Jesus (4:13-16).
- F) Living in authentic relationship with Jesus (communion) "cleans" our reflectiveness, and heals a blind world (4:18)!