

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians to a church whose relationship with him had been strained. Some questioned his authority and expected letters of recommendation. In chapter 3, Paul explains that the Corinthians themselves are his letter, written by the Spirit on human hearts. His confidence rests in God, who equips him to serve the new covenant. Paul contrasts the law given through Moses with the life and righteousness brought by the Spirit. Although the old covenant displayed God's glory, the new covenant has a greater, lasting glory. Using Moses' veil as an illustration, Paul explains that turning to Christ brings understanding and freedom. Through the Holy Spirit, believers are gradually transformed into the likeness of Jesus as they behold his glory.

What Freedoms do you value most in your life and why?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

1. (verse 7) Read Exodus 34:29–35. Moses encountered God's glory, when have you had a power encounter with the Lord?
2. In verse 8, why does Paul say that the ministry of the Holy Spirit has even greater glory?
3. Reflecting upon v9, how can we grow in our confidence that God accepts us through Jesus, and let this shape our daily lives?
4. In verses 10–11, what does Paul say is temporary, and what will last? How does this strengthen our confidence in Jesus?

5. (V13-15) Whose 'minds were made dull' and why is the veil removed only through Christ?
6. In v16, what happens when someone turns to the Lord?
7. What kind of freedom does the Holy Spirit give us in v17?
8. What does it mean to approach God with an "unveiled face"? v18
9. Are you a guarded person or are you able to share honestly with others? Do you think either approach affects your prayer life?
10. How does giving our attention to the Lord's glory help us to become more like Jesus?
11. Who brings about our transformation, and what does this teach us about depending on the Holy Spirit?
12. How can the group pray for you to experience more Freedom in Christ?

Prayer Points

Pray for The Lighthouse Club, the team of volunteers, the kitchen team, drivers and hosts. This day centre ministry for older people is a valued support for those inside and outside the church.

AS BMS-supported project in Uganda through our partner Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH). The project is working with 100 households, helping them to grow trees alongside their crops. Pray for those involved and leading the work.

Sermon Notes

Freedom from _____

Freedom to be _____

Freedom to _____

Freedom to _____

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BIBLE STUDY

October 11th 2026

From the Street to the Table

Freedom to be like Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Jesus calls His followers to “make disciples” and to teach them to obey everything He has commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). Where do you start with someone who is new to the faith? How do we engage with people in the first place? Discipleship is a lifelong process, not something we complete (Philippians 1:6). The goal is to become increasingly like Jesus, growing in love, holiness and maturity (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), while encouraging and helping others to follow Him too. How does that happen in our church? This series maps out a simple understanding for how we make disciples as a church, not just new Christians, but throughout our lives.