

## THE GAZE THAT CHANGES YOU

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*Have you ever looked at something that was so incredible, it changed you?*

**BIG IDEA: As you gaze at the God Jesus reveals, you morph and change into the best version of you.**

“When Moses came down from Mount Sinai... he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord...” **Exodus 34:29–35**

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup> If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup> For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup> And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

**Old Covenant:** brought **Death**; **Condemned** us; **Temporary**

**Suzerain/Vassal covenant** **ONLY with the Jews.**

**New Covenant:**

- **God’s own presence, the Spirit**
- brings **LIFE**, sets things **RIGHT**, it **LASTS**.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces gaze upon the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2 Cor. 3:6-18**

**1. Live fully into the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus bought for you.**

“The Bible was written *for* us and for people of all times and cultures, but it wasn’t written *to* us in our culture or language.” **John Walton**

“Testament” is Latin for “Covenant”

**2. Embrace-engage this face-to-face-with-God reality with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

“But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— **Colossians 1:22**

**3. Let your position with God \_\_\_\_\_ your thinking and identity.** (“*Metamorphosis*.”)

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” **Colossians 3:1-2**