

The Gospel of God's Light

2 Corinthians 4

In **2 Corinthians 3**, the Apostle Paul discusses Moses's experience in **Exodus 32:31-34:35**. In this true story, Moses was blessed to be able to experience the glory of God in such a remarkable way that he was never the same physically after this encounter. Because Moses's face shone so brightly with a bright afterglow from seeing a small part of the brilliance of God's glory, Moses needed to wear a veil over his face whenever he was around other people.

- **Exodus 33:18-23; 34:1-8, 28-35**

In 2 Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul makes a **contrast** between the Old Testament Mosaic Law and the glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (3:7-11)

Also, the Apostle Paul makes a **comparison** between both the people not wanting to look at the glory of God's effect on Moses's face and people's apprehension today to beholding the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ as we share His Gospel with them. (3:12-18; 4:3-6)

4 Truths about the Gospel of God's Light. (4:1-6)

1. The Gospel of God's Light gives Christians a confidence to help them endure and persevere. **(4:1)**
2. The Gospel of God's Light gives Christians a true, transparent, and consistent message to share. **(4:2)**
3. The Gospel of God's Light gives Christians a heart of love and care for the lost children of darkness. **(4:3-4)**
4. The Gospel of God's Light gives Christians a life transformation that they live out for others. **(4:5-6)**

4 Truths about Gospel Living. (4:7-18)

1. Christians are God's chosen vessels to share His light and they are upheld by God's omnipotent power. **(4:7)**
2. While Christians are called to endure suffering, they are never abandoned by God, but are empowered to show Jesus to others in the ways that they suffer well. **(4:8-12)**
3. When Christians faithfully live out the truth of the Gospel of Jesus, their testimony of God's grace will cause other people to praise and glorify God. **(4:13-15)**
4. Christians can endure hardships with a steadfast hope because of the Heavenly glories that await them. **(4:16-18)**

BIG IDEA: The truth of Jesus Christ's Gospel gives Christians living hope for every day of the year.

Application

1. As we finish out 2021, we must rejoice in the hope that is ours as Christians.
2. As we prepare to begin 2022, we must rest in the hope that is ours as Christians.
3. As we pursue Gospel living as Christians, we must remain faithful to the Word of God and abide in Its truth.