

The Glory of Gospel Ministry: Part 3
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

REVIEW/CONTEXT

- 2:12-17** Christian ministry that is centered on Jesus Christ will always be triumphant before God.
- 3:1-6** The indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit is a glorious reality of the Gospel.
- 3:7-18** The ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ is far better and more glorious than the ministry of the Old Testament Mosaic Law.

BIG IDEA: The Gospel of Jesus Christ brightly reveals the glory of God.

EXPOSITION

- I. We can persevere in gospel ministry because of God's mercy. (4:1)**

- II. We must be resolute in sharing the full truth of God's Word. (4:2)**

- III. We have an enemy who delights to blind people's minds to the light of Jesus Christ's Gospel. (4:3-4)**

- IV. We proclaim the gospel of God's light and glory by exclusively pointing people to Jesus Christ. (4:5-6)**

QUESTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

- Why is “the gospel of the glory of Christ” **good news?**
- **Who are we serving** when we share the Gospel? There is a dual focus—and it is not on us:
 - **4:5** – “*...with ourselves as your servants...*” (We are serving _____.)
 - **4:5** – “*...for Jesus’ sake.*” (We are serving _____.)
- God is the One who **shines His light** in people’s hearts. While we have the amazing privilege of sharing His Gospel with people who have the veil of spiritual blindness over their hearts and minds, **only God can remove the veil of their spiritual blindness.** (Luke 8:4-14)

IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION

- Remember that you are sharing the Gospel with the spiritually **blind**.
- Ask God to help you be boldly humble, graciously tenacious, and lovingly truthful when you share the Gospel.
- Ask God to help you to “**not lose heart**” when/as the Gospel message is not well-received by others.
- Ask God to help you **be constantly amazed and overwhelmed with His glory** as it is revealed through the truth of His Gospel.
- Ask God to help you **be constantly encouraged by His mercy to you** through His Gospel.

LOOKING AHEAD

Read the next section (**2 Corinthians 4:7-18**) and look for connecting words (i.e., 4:15, 18, etc.), phrases (i.e., 4:16, etc.), and themes (i.e., 4:8-10, etc.).