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## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ◆ Paul established this church (Acts 18)
- ◆ Paul lived in Corinth for 18 months.
- ◆ Paul is the writer. (God the author)
- ◆ This letter is written around 56 A.D.
- ◆ He has already written at least once before.
- ◆ His visits and words have been difficult
- ◆ Paul has a love for this church.
- ◆ The Church is not sure Paul is who they should listen to.
- ◆ This letter is one of reconciliation and invitation.

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## 1. THE CONFIDENCE

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 (ESV)- Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God

## 2. THE COVENANT

2 Corinthians 3:6 (ESV)-who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

## 3. THE COMPARISON

2 Corinthians 3:7-8 (ESV)- Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

## 4. THE COVERING

2 Corinthians 3:16-17(ESV)-Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

## 5. THE CONFORMING

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)- 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.

**When we are discouraged remember it is...**

### A. His Message

2 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV)- Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us

### B. His Enlightenment

2 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)- But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

### C. His Transformation

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)- are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord...

**Here Is The Point:** Don't lose heart...