

Series: Unusual Blessings, # 2

The Blessed Unveiling

2 Corinthians 2 & 3

As in Ch. 1, again Paul calls out false teaching – 2:17. He refers to what were called Judaizers, who told new converts that they needed to have faith in Jesus (true) but also needed to keep Mosaic law (false). The entire book of Galatians is devoted to refuting this error.

Q: Why is religion more popular than righteousness? Gal. 5:19-26

Images that need to be “unveiled” in our lives >

2:5-10 Forgiveness for sinners who repent (1 Cor. 5:1-15)

2:11 Satanic schemes to defeat the church

2:12-16 We are the aroma of Christ to the lost

3:1-3 Contrast: tablets of stone and human hearts

3:4-6 Contrast: death and life

3:7-11 Contrast: fading glory and increasing glory

3:12-18 Contrast: concealment and openness > Exodus 34:29-35

How does 2 Cor. 3:16 help us pray for those on our ‘BLESS’ list?

1) How do I see God blessing my life through the Gospel, the new covenant?

2) How do I believe God will use the Gospel through me to bless others?

(your answers should include vocabulary from the passage > glory, hope, boldness, the veil removed, freedom, transformation)