

Living in God's Smile

Transformed by His Smile

2 Corinthians 3:15-18 NIV

Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Message notes:

When you look into the face of Jesus and see His _____ you begin reflecting His _____.

When we stare at Jesus and behold Him, we want to have _____ because He does.

You can see in a person's face, a lot is _____ from their past.

Evil and sin make us less and less human, less in the _____.

I better look more like Jesus _____, than when I first came to Him.

Our growth doesn't happen by trying to grow, but by _____ on Jesus.

You _____ the smiling face of Jesus through His word, worship, and time spent with Him.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

How have you been transformed by God's smile in your life?

What does it mean to you that we are called to "behold" God's smile?

What practical ways have you found in your life that help you behold God's smile?

How does what you're staring at impact how you live, think, and act?

What is the difference between looking into the smile of Jesus to be changed instead of our own efforts to change ourselves?

Does your life reflect God's smile to others? How could it be better reflective?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling to give God freedom to transform your desires away from old things and into new desires?

Has anyone been living under a weight of guilt because your own effort hasn't produced enough change in your life?