

## **Bible Study for February 21-27, 2022**

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 3:7-4:2

### **Notes:**

It would appear that the Corinthian congregation was the kind of organization that, once one problem was solved, three more appeared. As best as we can tell, after dealing with problems in his first letter to the Corinthians, other problems developed regarding the authority of Paul's leadership. It would appear possible that Jewish Christians from Palestine were attempting to conform the Corinthian congregation to Jewish laws, and saw Paul as a hindrance to their ideals. In 2 Corinthians, Paul carefully but forcefully asserts his calling by demonstrating the servant leadership Christ demonstrated for all.

Today's lesson shows how, in his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

When did you last experience the "light bulb" effect – suddenly understanding something that once confused you?

What does the word "covenant" mean to you?

How does Paul contrast the old and new covenants?

Why did the once-glorious covenant of Moses have to be replaced by the everlasting covenant of Christ?

How do you see your own life being "*transformed into his likeness*" (vs 18) ?

Who or what helped to remove the cobwebs which once veiled your "dull mind"? Could you do the same for another?