

The Greatest Reason for Thanksgiving

II Corinthians 3:7-4:18

I. Our Glorious God (3:7-12)

A) The Law condemns

B) The Spirit Makes Righteous

II. Our Gracious Gift (3:12-4:14)

A) Some Veils Remain (12-17)

B) Some Veils are Shined Through (3:18-4:14)

III. Our Great Gratefulness (4:15-18)

A) Thanksgiving

B) Thriving

1. 2 Corinthians 3:7-11 compare the Law with the Spirit, hopefully explaining the superiority of the latter. Verse 12 describes the consequence of that, great boldness in our speech. If we are not bold in our speech, what does this reveal about our understanding of the hopeful privilege of the Spirit? What can we do to change so that we are more bold?

2. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul exults in our salvation, calling it a treasure. Share some of the ways in which you treasure your salvation.

3. The hopefulness of this passage reaches its climax in 4:15-18. Discuss reasons Paul gives for a spirit of thanksgiving in these verses.

Psalms 9:1-2

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.