

## 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 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
 the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;  
 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
 the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
 the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
 More to be desired are they than gold,  
 even much fine gold;  
 sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.  
 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
 in keeping them there is great reward.