

## 2 Corinthians 3.18, Transformed into His Image Part 1

Transfiguration of the Shekinah Glory into the Believer's Soul

**2 Corinthians 3:18** - But we all with an unveiled face looking into a mirror to produce a reflection, namely the glory of the Lord, are being transfigured into that same image from glory to glory as it were from the Holy Spirit.

This verse begins with the adversative conjunction, *de*, followed by the pronoun, *ego* and the adjective, *pas*, translated: "*But we all.*"

Next comes the participle of attribution which describes the positive believer's utilization of his imputed assets to learn the Word of God: the perfect passive participle of the verb: *anakalupto* - "*Unveiled.*"

When the unbeliever looks into the Bible, he does so with impaired vision. He looks through the veil of unbelief and seeks to interpret what he sees from the inferior assets of human mentality.

When the unbeliever or cosmic believer tries to understand the Bible, he is frustrated by its message and finds it foolishness.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** - The word of the cross [the Gospel] is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us, because we are saved, it is divine power.

What was once foolishness becomes wisdom to the person who believes that Jesus is the Christ.

Salvation unveils the soul. Faith in Christ permits the justice of God to impute to the believer all the assets for learning truth.

When a person is positive toward the inculcation of that truth, he is able to look into the matter with an unveiled face.

The unveiled face occurs for the believer in two stages: (1) faith in Christ for the understanding of the Gospel, and (2) positive volition toward the Word for the understanding of divine thought.

The place in which the unveiling for spiritual growth occurs is the Divine Power System.

Under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit's filling ministry, the believer is able to objectively use his assets at Gate 4 to metabolize divine knowledge.

We call this the Grace Apparatus for Perception and have noted its mechanics in:

**1 Corinthians 2:14** - The soulish man [unbeliever] does not accept things from the Holy Spirit for to him they are foolishness, furthermore, he is not able to even acquire academic understanding of them because they are spiritually discerned.

Consequently, it is the believer who is provided with the unveiled face. Inside the Divine Power System, he is able to utilize his assets and clothe his soul with a doctrinal tapestry which is woven into a Uniform of Honor.

The unveiled face is said to look into a mirror and receive back a reflection: the present middle participle of the verb: *katoptrizo* - "*To look into a mirror to get a reflection.*"

present - Customary; denotes what habitually occurs when the believer lives inside the Divine Power System and functions under GAP.

middle - Permissive; the subject seeks to secure the action of the verb in his own interest—to advance spiritually within the system.

participle - Circumstantial; the action of this participle occurs simultaneous to that of the main verb.

The main verb is *metamorphoo*, which is translated in Matthew 17:2 as “*transfigured*,” and in 2 Corinthians 3:18, “*are being transformed*.”