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Teaching Notes

Reflections of Glory

II Cor. 3:18:

- “With open face” = one without a veil.
- “Glass” = something that reflects; a mirror
- “Glory” = God’s view and opinion of us
- “Changed” = reflection
- “Same image” = God’s image
- “**BY** the Spirit” = It’s not by might, not by power, but **BY** my Spirit.

When we face problems of any type in our life, we can “generally” trace it back to our belief system.

Our belief system is founded on these three areas:

- Un-righteousness: There is no God!!!
- Self-righteousness: My relationship to God is based on my performance.
- Righteousness: Everything about my life is based on His righteousness.

Most, if not all, of our problems in life can be traced to what we believe about these three areas of righteousness.

(Key) How we see God or how we think He sees us, affects our whole life. This affects what we believe and what we believe affects what we do and how we do it.

When we believe wrong, we will do wrong.

Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and come short of the glory (Greek: view and opinion) of God.”

We do wrong when we see wrong; sometimes, we see right and just decide to do wrong. When we do the latter, we need to consider the results of our decision. God’s grace will never override our bad decisions.

What is the character of God?

John 13:36-38

John 14:1-4

Hebrews 13:5

John 21:18: Peter, someday you’ll get it!!!

One of the meanings for Peter: a leaf blowing in the wind (flakey)

Jesus was the only one who had confidence in Peter.

How does faith come?

Romans 10: 14-17:

Vs. 15: Until we have the proper view and opinion of God, we will never preach the gospel of peace and our feet won't be beautiful.

Vs 17: So then (or because we are filling the earth with God's view and opinion), faith comes. Faith only comes with the message of God's view and opinion of us.

Faith is stolen from us, and from others, when we give people the wrong view and opinion of God.

II Cor. 4:4-7

When we "believe not", we hold back God's view and opinion or His glory from the earth.

Vs 7: What is this treasure?

It's the life of God reflecting his glory or view and opinion in the earth.

A treasure is something that you hunt and dig for; something that's so important we will spend whatever time it takes to find it.

Nine out of ten messages being preached across the country are hiding this treasure, God's view and opinion, from us through a message of performance.

11 Cor. 4:5: "For we preach not ourselves" What a wonderful day that will be.

Preachers are strange folks. Somehow, in our mind, we must make this gospel about us AND we are compelled to convince you that you got healed because WE laid OUR hands on you.

(Key) Great things can happen through flakes!!!!

When people tried to make Paul a god, he reminded them that he used to try to kill them. Everyone has to have a hero. Let it be Jesus.

The Thief and Robber

The law of Moses or the law of performance will always give you the wrong view and opinion of yourselves and of God.

John 10:1-10:

Vs 1: "thief and robber"

Vs 8: “thieves and robbers”

Vs 10: “the thief” - referring to the law

John 5:45: When we place our trust in Moses, we are being stolen from.

We know that the devil is the primary problem; but all he’s done and all he can do is offer us the wrong view and opinion of God.

If through a wrong decision, we choose the wrong view and opinion, we will reflect poverty, sickness, trouble, instability etc. etc.

REMEMBER: What you see with your eyes closed is where you are going.

Extras: 1 Cor. 15:58, 11 Cor. 4: 1 & 8 - 9

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Exam

Reflections of Glory

1. In 11 Cor. 3:18, what does the phrase “with open face” mean?
2. What is the veil and what could it be called?
3. What does the term “glory” mean?
4. Can you live “for” something until you have lived “by” something?
5. Romans 3:23 says “all have sinned and come short of _____.”
6. What is another name for Peter?
7. When we “believe not” what happens?
8. In John 5:45, who is Jesus’ counterpart?
9. What is the ministry of death?
10. II Cor. 4:1 mentions a ministry you have. What is it?
11. What have you learned in this session that has helped or will help you?

Name: _____

Date: _____

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Answer Sheet

Reflections of Glory

1. Without a veil
2. The Law and the veil of deception
3. View and opinion
4. No
5. View and opinion
6. Leaf blowing in the wind
7. We hold back the glory or view and opinion of God
8. The Law
9. Placing people under the law of performance
10. The ministry of telling others of God's view and opinion of them; the ministry of life.