

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NASB)

⁵ *Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but **our adequacy is from God,***

⁶ *Who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the **letter kills**, but the **Spirit gives life.***

Hebrews 12:24

²⁴ *and to Jesus, the **mediator** of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.*

¹⁷ *“**The Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**”*

*17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.*

The Holy Spirit leads according to Scriptural directions.

The principle of walking in dependence upon the Holy Spirit must never be abandoned.

Being led by the Holy Spirit is the principle by which the Father deals in grace with believers.

The Lord Jesus in glory is the standard of perfection, and the Savior on earth is the pattern for our walk.

SEVEN GREAT PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

Romans 2

1. God's judgment is "according to truth" ([verse 2](#)).
2. According to accumulated guilt ([verse 5](#)).
3. According to works ([verse 6](#)).
4. Without respect of persons ([verse 11](#)).
5. According to performance, not knowledge ([verse 13](#)).
6. God's judgment reaches the secrets of the heart ([verse 16](#)).
7. According to reality, not religious profession ([verses 17-29](#)).

CHAPTER THREE

Sweeping Fourteen-fold Indictment From Old Testament

Scriptures: All Men, Jews and Gentiles, Brought in Guilty Before God; and So All Mouths Stopped. [Verses 9-20.](#)

Grace, However, for the Guilty! God's Righteousness by Another Way Than Law - Through Faith in Jesus Christ. [Verses 21-31.](#)

CHAPTER FOUR

Righteousness Is Also Apart From Ordinances (As Circumcision).
[Verses 9-12.](#)

The Way and Walk of Faith Wondrously Exemplified in Abraham the Father of All Believers. [Verses 18-22.](#)

The Connection of Our Justification With Christ's Resurrection.
[Verses 23-25.](#)

CHAPTER FIVE

The Glorious Results of Justification by Faith: Peace With God, a Standing in Grace, Sure Hope of Coming Glory, Present Patience, Joy in God. [Verses 1-11](#)

The Two Representative Men, Adam and Christ, Contrasted: Condemnation and Death to All in Adam, Justification and Life by Christ to All in Him. [Verses 12-19](#).

GRACE TRANSCENDED ALL! [Verse 20](#).

Grace Now Reigns, “Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.” [Verse 21](#).

CHAPTER SIX

We Died With Christ: Our Baptism Being Witness; and Are to Reckon Ourselves Dead Unto Sin and Alive Unto God in Christ Jesus. [Vs. 1-11.](#)

Presenting Ourselves to God As Risen Ones, Not Under Law But Under Grace, Sin Loses Its Dominion Over Us. [Verses 12-14.](#)

CHAPTER SEVEN

Release From the Legal Principle. Death With Christ Made Sin; Now Joined to the Risen Christ: Thus Bearing Fruit to God and Rendering Glad Service. [Verses 1-6.](#)

Paul's Vain Struggle to Be Holy by the Law, Before He Knew of Indwelling Sin and His Helplessness Against It. Cry for Deliverance by a Person. [Verses 7-24](#)

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Holy Spirit's Work in the Believer: As Against the Flesh, verses 1-13; As Witnessing Our Sonship and Heirship—Even Though Suffering, [verses 14-25](#);

As Helping Our Infirmary by Intercession, [verses 26, 27](#).

**God's Great Purpose in His Elect: [Conformity to Christ's Image](#),
Association With Him: Their Heavenly Destiny.
All Earthly Providences for God's purpose. [Verses 28-30](#).**

Triumphant Response of Faith to These Things! [Verses 31-34](#).

No Separation From God's Love, Since It Is IN Christ Jesus Our Lord! [Verses 35-39](#).

*¹⁸ But **we all**, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

#1 contrast of the **all** and the one.

Under law **one man** radiated God's glory but under the new gospel **all** radiate God's glory with unveiled face.

#2 Contrast of clarity. OT types and shadows, abstract. Under the NT it is unveiled face, no obstruction for any believer.

#3 Contrast between the transforming glory. The NT ministry and the fading glory. **No one was changed by looking into Moses' face.** We see the glory of Jesus Christ and **we are changed into that glory.**

#4 Contrast between the means. The Spirit and the letter. We live the Christian life by the Spirit not by the law. Merryman

*18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**, are being transformed into the **same image** from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

We will never really understand this until we *try* it, and so prove the truth of it.

You might hear about it continually, and you might admire it, and yet never know it for yourself.

Do you know what it is to go in and behold the Lord's glory without a veil? What it is to sit before Him and contemplate Him, His glories, His beauties, His excellencies?

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The word *transfigure* (metamorphoumetha) is used **four times** in the New Testament (cf. [Matt. 17:2](#); [Mark 9:2](#); [Rom. 12:2](#); [2 Cor. 3:18](#)), and conveys a meaning which is peculiar and distinctive when contrasted with (metaschematizetai), translated *transforming or transformed*.

- A thing is **transformed** by influences from **without**, while a thing is **transfigured** by the outshining of a light or vitality which is resident within.
- The believer is subject to **transfiguration** and not to mere transformation.

CHAFER

"By means of the Word, look to the Lord Jesus in faith. Exercise the blessed trust that He is yours, and that He has given Himself to you, and that you have a claim to all that is in Him. It is His purpose to work out His image in you. Behold Him with the joyful and certain expectation: the glory that I behold in Him is destined for me!" -A.M.

“For instance, the Word tells me that if I behold the Lord's glory I shall be transformed. It doesn't transform me, however clearly I may see what it states. It communicates to me a very great thing, but it is the Spirit who makes it experiential to me.” -J.B.S.