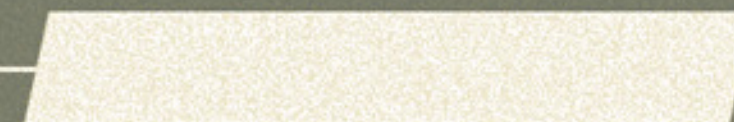


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The work of the Holy Spirit is to sanctify
God's people, making us more like Christ.

THE SPIRIT WITHIN



2 Corinthians 3:7-11

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Moses was transformed by being in the presence of God.

We are transformed by the presence of
the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

The word for this transformative work is sanctification.

In the Bible, this word means: "to make holy, to set apart."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

2 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

1 Peter 1:1-2

To God's elect, strangers in the world...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus and sprinkling by his blood.

Salvation has three tenses: past, present, and future.

- Past: Justification. The moment of conversion; repentance in baptism. We are declared righteous.
- Present: Sanctification. This is the ongoing work of the Spirit to make us what God has already declared us to be: righteous in His eyes.
- Future: Glorification. This is the future, final transformation toward which the Spirit is working, culminating in Christlikeness. (Luke 6:40; 1 John 3:2; 2 Peter 1:4; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:12-13)

