



2 Cor. 3:1-6; 18

In this passage Paul is defending his apostleship and the true gospel. Why? Because a false gospel and false teachers had entered Corinth. Where the real thing was.... a counterfeit popped up. Satan is the great counterfeiter.

In response, Paul made what he called a “heavy” or a painful visit to Corinth (2:1). Paul then writes 2 Corinthians because his ministry and therefore the true gospel had been attacked. He spends the beginning of the book defending his apostleship and ministry. In chapter 3, Paul is comparing the true gospel to a counterfeit gospel.

**You can't change \_\_\_\_\_; the Holy Spirit changes you!**

**The Holy Spirit obviously \_\_\_\_\_ people from the inside out (3:1-3).**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ looks for approval from others (1).

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ genuinely changes the heart (2-3).

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**The Holy Spirit powerfully produces spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (3:4-6).**

1. **Your own effort to change brings \_\_\_\_\_ (6).**  
\*spiritually and figuratively

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2. **The Spirit living in you gives \_\_\_\_\_ (6).**

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**You can't change yourself; the Holy Spirit changes you!** You might be frustrated because you don't see as much change in your life as you wish. Maybe externally, everything looks good, but internally you are struggling.

As you get to know Jesus, the Holy Spirit changes you into His image. That is spiritual life- it is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Biblical knowledge of Jesus is not stagnant or dead. It quickens believers - it gives them life. Do you need to stop trying to change yourself tonight, and allow the Holy Spirit to do what He promises to do when you see Him for who He really is?