



2 Cor. 3:7-18

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 yourself, but the Holy Spirit can completely transform you!

The Holy Spirit obviously transforms people internally (3:1-3).

1. Empty religion trusts in external standards (1).
2. God's grace genuinely changes the inner man (2-3).

The Holy Spirit powerfully produces spiritual life (3:4-6).

1. **Your own effort to change brings death (6).**

*spiritually and figuratively

2. **The Spirit's effort in you generates life (6).**

The Holy Spirit exceedingly _____ the law (3:7-11).

1. **While the law brings death, the Holy Spirit generates life (7-8).**

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