EVENING WORSHP 25 March 2012

Title: "TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY"

Text: 2 Corinthians 3

(I) GOD'S FULL SALVATION PLAN

- 1. God has given us a New Covenant (2 Corinthians 3:6)
- 2. God writes on our heart (2 Corinthians 3:3)
- 3. God ministers to us through the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:3, 6, 8, 17)

(II) WHAT THE OLD COVENANT COULD NOT DO

- 1. It is only engraved on stones (2 Corinthians 3:7)
- 2. The apostle called it "the ministry of death" (2 Corinthians 3:7)
- 3. He also called it "the ministry of condemnation" (2 Corinthians 3:7)
 - a) Death penalty when the law is broken
 - b) The law did not have the power to transform
 - c) The law could only condemn lawbreakers
- 4. It only had a passing glory (2 Corinthians 3:7)
- 5. The Evil One continues to veil people when they understand only the Old Covenant

(III) WHAT THE NEW COVENANT CAN DO

- 1. God gives sufficiency (2 Corinthians 3:5-6)
 - a) For life
 - b) For ministry
- 2. It is a more glorious ministry (2 Corinthians 3:8, 11)
- 3. Paul called it "the ministry of righteousness" (2 Corinthians 3:9)

(IV) THE GLORIOUS GOAL OF THE NEW COVENANT

1. We are transformed (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- a) This is an on-going work
- b) This is a deep work of the Spirit
- c) Great power is involved in the transformation process

2. We will bear the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18)

3. From glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- a) Glory in being saved
- b) Glory in the transforming process
- c) Glory in the final product