"<u>TRANSFORMATION</u>"



2 Corinthians Chapter 3

Introduction: The transforming work of the Holy Spirit is mentioned seven times in these eighteen verses.

> Seven keys to Spiritual Transformation: - Key #1 - (v1-3) From Stone to Flesh! (a new heart)

- (3a) The "tablets of stone" contained the TEN COMMANDMENTS:
 - 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
 - 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
 - 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
 - 4. Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy.
 - 5. Honor thy father and mother.
 - 6. Thou shalt not murder.
 - 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 - 8. Thou shalt not steal.
 - 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
 - 10. Thou shalt not covet.

- DID YOU KNOW?

- That directly above the Chief Justice's chair is a tablet signifying the TEN **COMMANDMENTS**. When the Speaker of the House in the U.S. Congress looks up, his eyes look into the face of Moses.

- Andrew Jackson, the Seventh President of these United States said, "The Bible is the Book upon which this Republic rests."

- Noah Webster said, "The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

- (3b) Written by the Spirit of the living God on the HEART! - Turn to Matthew 22:34-40.

- Key #2 – (v6a) From the Old Covenant to a NEW COVENANT!

- Galatians 3:21-25 - Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

- Key #3 – (v6b) From death to LIFE!

- John 8:1-11 (Woman caught in adultery)

- John 10:10 - *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

- Key #4 - (<u>v7-9</u>) *From condemnation to RIGHTEOUSNESS*! - Moses face shone in Exodus 34:29-35

- John 3:18 - "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

- Let's read Romans 8:1-8.

- Key #5 - (v10-16) From blindness to SIGHT!

- John ch. 9. (John 9:39 - And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.")

- Key #6 - (v17) From slavery to LIBERTY!

- The Greek word is *eleutheria*, which means freedom!

- John 8:34-36 - Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- Key #7 – (v18) From glory to GLORY!

- The word *"transformed"* in Greek is *metmorphoo*; we get our English word **metamorphosis.** The image of Christ is being developed inside us day by day, then in a split second as we reach heaven, we will be fully **GLORIFIED!**

Philippians 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.