

## The Ministry of the Spirit – Part 2

### Introduction and Review

- The ministry of the Holy Spirit yields changed lives & godly character in true believers by the power of the gospel (v. 1-3)
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit gives confidence for the personal competence of the believer in the success of gospel ministry (v. 4-6a)
- Salvation by the law is a ministry of **death** (v. 7) & **condemnation** (v. 9a) brought to an end by Christ (v. 7d, 11a; Rom. 8:1-4)
- The Holy Spirit works internally in the **heart** (v. 3b), gives eternal **life** (v. 6b), gives **righteousness** (v. 9b) & brings eternal **glory** (v. 8, 10-11)

### I. The Veil That Remains (v. 13-15)

#### A. The cause (v. 14a)

*Israel was willfully unable to see or understand the redemptive truth of the scriptures – “But their minds were hardened”. The love of & slavery to sin makes a sinner unable to understand & obey biblical truth (Ps. 95:7b-8; Jn. 3:3, 19-20; Rom. 1:18-20; Heb. 3:8).*

#### B. The result (v. 13, 14b-c, 15)

*The hope, boldness & glory of the old covenant (law) were brought to an end by Christ (v. 13). Therefore those who read, study, teach & listen to the law are not changed by it (v. 14b-c, 15); fear & guilt, but no repentance & change (2Tim. 3:6-7; Jas. 1:26).*

***The truth is hidden (veiled) from religious sinners who will not obey God.***

### II. The Veil That is Removed (v. 12, 16-18)

#### A. The cause (v. 14d, 16)

*Jesus is the fulfillment or end of the old covenant (law). Everyone who believes in Christ for salvation can see the true purpose of the law (v. 14d, 16) – the veil is “taken away”, “removed”. No one can see their need for Christ without the work of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 3:3; 6:44; Ac. 16:14b).*

#### B. The result (v. 12, 17-18)

*We have **hope & boldness** in Christ (v. 12). Every true believer: knows the Holy Spirit is God (v. 17a), knows He brought us freedom (v. 17b), can enjoy the presence of God (v. 18a-b) & is being transformed into the image of Christ (v. 18c-d; Rom. 8:29).*

***The Holy Spirit gives hope, boldness, freedom, joy & transformation to the believer!***