

That Holy Glow

One of the greatest joys I have had in life is the opportunity to work with a variety of people from all walks of life. People are interesting, they are much like snowflakes, and there are no two alike. After a lifetime of analysis I have come to realize that there is no one, yes no one that I dislike. I love people! Now, it is obvious, we all have our favorites. There are some people who make you feel like you are the most important person in the world. They have what the Scripture refers to as “That Holy Glow.” Do you know anybody like that? I could give you a list of people like that which would take the rest of this article. I have truly been blessed to meet so many “holy glowers.”

The Apostle Paul was writing II Corinthians from a dungeon in Rome. Unlike I Corinthians which dealt with Christian conduct, Paul is writing his second letter showing his authority given by Jesus Christ himself. He had already shared with the people that they should be a fragrance for the Lord which entailed a pleasing aroma, a pen-



JUST A THOUGHT

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etrating scent, a powerful smell, and a pure fragrance. He went on to tell them that they were a letter, an epistle, known and read by all men. Our lives should represent a pleasant fragrance as well as an amazing story.

As Paul begins to elaborate about the “Holy Glow” in II Corinthians 3:12-18, it is easy to reflect back to Exodus 34. When Moses received the Covenant from God, his face radiated from being in the presence of the Lord. It was so bright that he had to cover it so they wouldn’t see it depart. In the new covenant Paul says the veil is lifted to reveal the glorious presence of God. The

veil is only lifted by Christ (Verse 14). What happens in our lives when the veil is lifted?

1. There is understanding – people who are math students call it the “Eureka Experience.” It is simply when the lights come on. When we enter into a relationship with Christ things that were obscure become clear (I Corinthians 2:9-12). Only in Christ do the truths of God’s Word really begin to make an impact on our lives.

There is nothing that will change and mold our lives like the Word of God. In Moses’ day, sin had destroyed the people’s spiritual vision (Proverbs 29:18), and they were blinded by the sin that kept them in bondage. As we open up to Christ our minds are opened up to greater understanding. When the veil is lifted:

2. There is freedom – As we turn to Christ in repentance and faith the veil is lifted. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). The new covenant is a relationship based on love and freedom. What is it that brings about the change? The answer is

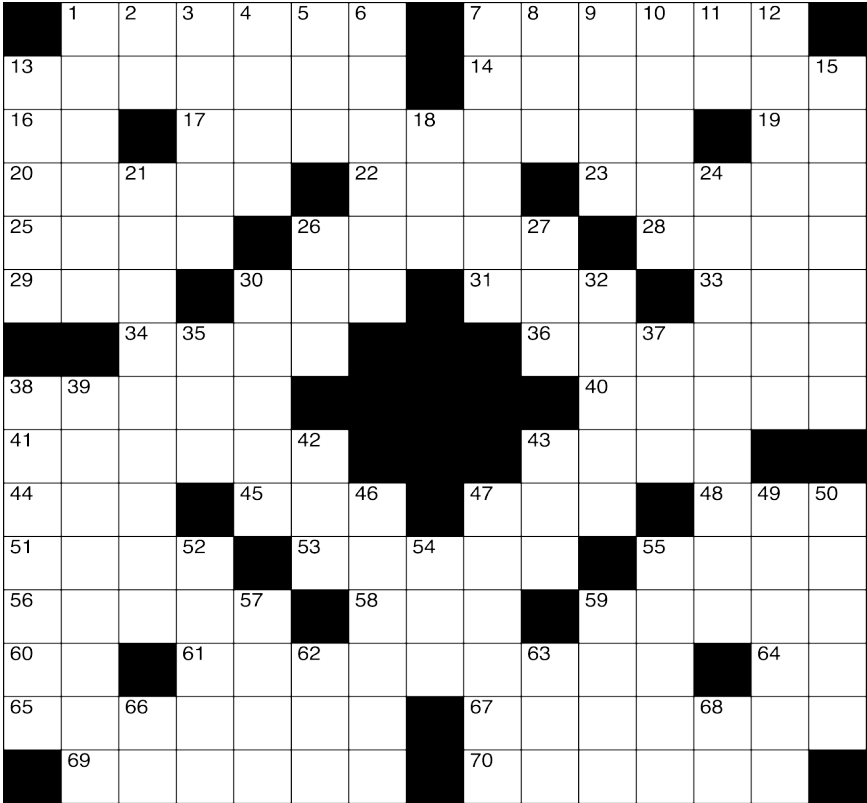
simple, the old covenant was written in stone, and the new covenant is written in our hearts. When the veil is lifted:

3. There is Christ likeness (verse 18) – The King James Version uses the term “beholding as a glass,” but probably making the phrase clearer we would say “we are to

reflect” the glory of the Lord. A mirror only reflects what is in it.

Scripture always has a way of bringing things to light and this passage is no exception. There are reasons why some people have that “holy glow,” just as there are reasons why others don’t. Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 that we are to let our

light shine before men that they might see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven. It should be our constant prayer that all of us might have a glowing life for the Master. As I ponder all that Jesus has done for me, it is not much of a chore to shine for Him.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Plant of the mint family
7. Hand tool
13. Made of the color of gold
14. A volume of several novels
16. Type of degree
17. Good job!
19. Seventh tone in major scale
20. Fevers
22. One’s mother
23. Fertile desert spots
25. Large integers
26. Plate for Eucharist
28. Tennis matches have them
29. Peyton’s little brother
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
31. Head movement
33. Twelve
34. Renaissance musical instrument
36. Behavior showing high moral standards
38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. Notes to be sung
41. Women’s garment
43. Coarsely ground corn
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to deplete
47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
51. Hindquarters
53. Franz van __, German diplomat
55. Liquid body substances
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. A beaver might build one
59. Police officer’s tool
60. Indicates who you are
61. Pinwheel
64. Exist
65. Ornamental molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

1. Short stick used as a weapon
2. An alternative
3. Laws
4. Sense organs
5. One from Utah
6. Mariner
7. People in charge of cattle
8. Health insurance organization
9. Ornamental box
10. Forest-dwelling deer
11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
12. Atomic #71
13. Become less intense
15. Cowards
18. Body ornament (slang)
21. Applicable to all cases
24. Multiplied by 6
26. Afghanistan monetary unit
27. Calendar month
30. Cena and Lennon are two
32. Monetary unit of Serbia
35. First time on the market
37. Georgia rockers
38. Free from contamination
39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Clothing retailer
43. It rises and sets
46. Fathers
47. Stain with mud
49. Suitable for crops
50. Feels concern for
52. Orange-brown
54. Buddy
55. Late sportscaster Craig
57. Used to align parts
59. Wake up
62. Solid water
63. Semiprecious stone
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

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