

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



REFLECTIONS

Coming home from a funeral recently, I was reflecting on my life, wondering what I would like people to say about me when I die. I immediately knew the answer; I want them to say – “He loved Jesus! He loved to tell people about Jesus. He was becoming more and more like Jesus. He was a reflection of Jesus.”

“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord – who is the Spirit – makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image” (2 Corinthians 3:18, NLT).

Let’s unpack this verse and see what we can learn together.

1. **“All of us who are Christians.”**

QUESTION: Are all of us Christians? Why or why not? (See Romans 3:10-2, 23, others?)

QUESTION: Who are the Christians? Discuss. (See John 3:16, 1 John 5:11-13, others?)

2. **“Reflecting like mirrors.”**

Example: Without the Sun, the Moon is a pitch black rock. Properly positioned, the moon reflects the sun. The moon reflects the greater light. The moon is a “sun reflector.” We who are Christians should reflect Christ. Christians are “Son reflectors.”

QUESTION: What is the purpose of a mirror?

QUESTION: What do you see when YOU look in a mirror?

Reflecting “the glory of the Lord.”

QUESTION: What is the GLORY of the Lord? The Hebrew term for GLORY means “heavy, weighty, important.” When you think of God’s GLORY, think significance, uniqueness, one-of-a-kindness, majestic, awesome, preeminent. (See Exodus 14:4, Exodus 15:11, Leviticus 10:3, 1 Chronicles 16:24, Psalm 19:1, Psalm 50:15, Psalm 115:1, Isaiah 43:7, John 12:27-8, John 17:9, Romans 15:8-9, 1 Corinthians 8:6 (NLT), 2 Corinthians 10:17, Hebrews 1:3 (NCV))

QUESTION: Who is the Lord?

(See Exodus 6:2, Leviticus 11:44-5, Psalm 118:27a, Psalm 124:8, Mark 12:29-30, Luke 1:31-33, John 4:24, Acts 16:31, 1 Corinthians 1:3, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 2 Corinthians 13:14, others?)

QUESTION: Is Jesus the Lord of your life?

*Define “LORD.”

*How do you know He is your Lord? (See Ephesians 1:20-22, MSG)

*How can others tell Jesus is Lord of your life?

QUESTION: Do folks see God's Glory in your face? (2 Corinthians 3:5b-7)

3. *Beholding, Reflecting, and Changing.*

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18, KJV).

QUESTION: Can BEHOLDING Jesus – PONDERING Jesus – WITNESSING Jesus – LOVING Jesus – EXPERIENCING Jesus – CENTERING our lives on Jesus – CHANGE us? If so, HOW? Explain.

QUESTION: How can CMA'ers REFLECT the GLORY of the Lord in the biker community this year? Be specific. Devise a PLAN for this riding season – then "work the plan!"

As you close out this study please pray for insight into biker's lives, and wisdom to lead them effectively to Jesus and the Kingdom. Commit yourself to being the kind of Christian who rightly reflects the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ every day.