

**“The Glorious New Covenant”**

2 Corinthians 3:6-18

*In 2 Corinthians 3:6-18 Paul presented eight distinctives  
that summarize the glory of the New Covenant.*

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- I. \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ (7-9)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ (7b, 10-11)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ (12)
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ (13-14a)
- VI. \_\_\_\_\_ (14b-16, 18a)
- VII. \_\_\_\_\_ (17)
- VIII. \_\_\_\_\_ (18b)

The veil of a hardened heart made them think they could save themselves, causing them, therefore, to miss the meaning of both covenants. In their arrogant pride, they sought to establish their own righteousness by good works, keeping the Law (cf. Luke 18:21), and performing the appropriate ceremonies. But the broken and contrite heart that God accepts (Ps. 51:17; Luke 18:11-14) is one that is penitent, meek, mourns over sin, hungers and thirsts for righteousness, and pleads for mercy and forgiveness. Paul again made the point that the problem was not with the old covenant but with the heart . . . It is only when a person turns to the Lord (cf. Isa. 45:22) that the veil is taken away.

- John MacArthur