## The Veil is Taken Away in Christ

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"But if the ministry of death (the Law), written and engraved in stones (the ten commandments), <u>was</u> glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory (glowing radiance) of his face; which was fading away; how shall not the ministry of the Spirit be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation (the Law) had glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasses. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remains is glorious. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech; and not as Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that (the Law) which is abolished. But their minds were blinded; for until this day the same veil remains un-lifted in the reading of the Old Testament; because (only) in Christ it is (the veil) taken-away. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. But whenever one shall turn (in faith) to the Lord (Jesus), the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Spirit of the **Lord**." (2 Corinthians 3:7-18)

**Veil:** from the Greek word <u>kalymma</u> which means: a <u>veil</u>, a covering, especially a covering of the face or head. In context: speaks of the veil that Moses covered his face with, so as to hide the Glory of God that shone as visual light radiating from his face. (see Exodus 34:27-35) For believers, who are <u>in Christ Jesus</u>, the veil that is upon our hearts, is what blinds us from seeing the Way, and the Truth, and the Life which is Jesus. This veil is removed in Christ Jesus so that we might behold with our hearts, and minds, and understanding, the Glory of the Lord in and through Christ Jesus – the Son of the Living God!

**Because:** from the Greek word <u>hoti</u> which means: <u>because</u>, or <u>on account of</u>, since-then; in context: <u>exclusive</u> in the sense that 'only' in Christ Jesus is the veil removed that allows us to see and understand with saving faith the Light and Glory of the Good-news of Eternal Salvation and Life in Jesus and and through His flesh and blood sacrifice for us on the Cross.

**Taken Away:** from the Greek word *katargeitai* a verb which means: to *take away*, remove; literally: to *take down* so as to render inoperative; to be completely brought down and done away with. Again, this speaks of the veil that blinded us from seeing and receiving the truth of who Jesus is and why He came. It is as Jesus said:

"The Spirit of the Lord (the Father) is upon Me (Jesus), because He has anointed Me to preach the Good-news to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the **brokenhearted**, to preach deliverance to the captives, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to preach the acceptable year of the LORD" (Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 61:1-2)

It is just as the man, who was healed of physical blindness by Jesus, who testified: "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." (John 9:25) So also when the veil that covered one's heart, resulting in spiritually blindness, is removed in Christ Jesus – so now one can also say, "Once I was spiritually blind, but now I see in Christ Jesus!"

**In Christ:** from the Greek word <u>en Christo</u> which means: <u>in Christ</u>; the context is: that a person <u>must **be in**</u> Christ Jesus, and Jesus <u>must **be in**</u> that person! This happens when a person is spiritually born again in and through Christ Jesus; at which time the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, comes in and abides <u>in that person</u>. Please consider the following:

"I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another <u>Comforter</u>, so that <u>He</u> may abide <u>with you forever</u>; even the <u>Spirit of Truth</u>; whom <u>the world cannot receive</u>, because it sees Him not, nor knows Him. But you know Him; for He dwells <u>with you</u>, and shall be <u>in you</u>. I will not leave you comfortless; <u>I will come to you</u>. Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more; but you see Me; and because I live, you shall live also. In that day you shall know that I am <u>in My Father</u>, and <u>you in me</u>, and <u>I in you</u>." (John 14:16-20)

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The apostle Paul wrote: "For I, through the law am dead to the law, so that I might <u>live</u> unto God. I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless <u>I live</u>; yet not I, <u>but Christ lives in me</u>; and the life which I now live in the flesh <u>I live</u> in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, <u>and gave Himself for me</u>." (Galatians 2:19-20)

The veil that Moses wore, as mentioned within the opening verses, was used as an illustration of the veil that shielded us from seeing and embracing the wonderful Glory of God that a person receives when the veil is removed in Christ Jesus. Please consider the following in context:

"And the LORD said unto Moses. Write these words: for after the utterance of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. And he (Moses) was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two Tablets of Testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone (with radiant beams of light) while he talked with Him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come near him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came near; and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses was done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he took the **veil** off, until he came out. And he came out, and spoke unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him (God)." (Exodus 34:27-35) (Ex. 33:11-23)

After Moses talked with God face to face (Ex. 33:11), when he received the commandments of God, then the face of Moses would glow with radiant beams of the light of God's Glory. This radiant Glory of God shinning forth from the facial skin of Moses was so glorious that it frighten the people. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthian Christians says that the glory that we behold in Christ Jesus, when the veil of darkness is removed in Christ, surpasses the glory that the Israelites received and beheld with the coming of the Commandments of God. Please consider the following ...:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in darkness; and the darkness (people who are veiled in spiritual darkness) did not comprehended it (the Light of His Glory). There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. He (John) was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light (speaking of Jesus), which (or Who) enlightens every man who comes into the world. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth." (John 1:4-9; 14)

The removal of the veil of darkness fulfills the the following prophecy:

"And in this mountain (Mount Zion Is. 24:23) shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of aged-wines, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined aged-wines. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of **the covering** cast over all people, **the veil** that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people He shall take away from off all the earth; for the LORD has spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad **and rejoice in His salvation**.' " (Isaiah 25:7-9)

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There is another kind of veil, the veil that that opens into the Holy of Holies of the Temple of God Most High. It is only <u>in Christ Jesus</u> that a person is able to pass through the Veil that opens into the Most Holy Place in the Kingdom of Heaven! Please consider the following:

"The First Covenant (via the Law of Moses) also had ordinances of divine service, and a earthly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, in which was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary (the holy-place). And behind the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies (the most holy-place); which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, .... Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, performing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, and not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the sins of the people. The Holy Spirit is signifying this: that the way into the (eternal) holy-places was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing; which was a symbol for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him who did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in foods and drinks, and various washings, and fleshly ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ having come as a High Priest of good things to come, through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor by the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood He entered in once into the Holy-places (in Heaven), having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Hebrews 9:1-12)

"But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the Right Hand of God; from henceforth waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified; of which the Holy Spirit also is a witness unto us; for after having said, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.' (Jeremiah 31:33-34) Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Therefore brethren, having boldness to enter into the holiest-place (through the veil) by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having a High Priest (Jesus) over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. And let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." (Hebrews 10:12-23)

"Wherein God, determining more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the unchangeableness of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath; so that by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, (so that) we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon **the hope** set before us; which **hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into within **the veil** (of the Temple in heaven); where the **Forerunner** has entered for us, **even Jesus**, having become **a High Priest forever** after the order of Melchizedek." (Hebrews 6:17-20)

## The Veil is Taken Away in Christ Jesus

The veil of darkness covering our spiritual heart is ... ... taken-away in Christ Jesus the Lord !!

The veil between us and God the Father in Heaven which we must pass through ... is through the flesh and blood of our High Priest Jesus !!

Even through His death on the Cross of Calvary !!

All Praise and Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit !!!
Please continue to transform us into the glorious image of Christ Jesus!

~ ~ From Glory to Glory – Forever and Ever – Amen and Amen ~