

Be Encouraged

“We Have Such Hope”

Reading: [Colossians 3:11-14](#)

Text: [2 Corinthians 3:1-18](#)

Introduction:

A. Veils:

1. **Women in Afghanistan**—wear veils that are hot and heavy and restrictive; the purpose: to control and oppress.
2. **Convicted Criminals**, who are executed, have a veil or hood put over their faces keeping people from looking into the face of death
3. **Brides** often wear a veil over their faces: it is looked on as a beautiful, meaningful part of a wedding service.
4. However, something is similar in each case: **Veils Separate!**

B. There was a veil in **the Temple** of the Lord in Jerusalem.

1. It separated the people from an area called **The Most Holy Place**.
2. This is where **the Ark of the Covenant** was kept.
3. The Most Holy Place was **where God lived**.

1. Freedom from the veil of ignorance v. 14-15

A. O.T. believers did not know what would happen

1. [Hebrews 11:13](#)—These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
2. [Romans 16:25](#)—Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

B. All was revealed in Christ

1. [Galatians 3:24-25](#)—Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
2. [Romans 16:26](#)—but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—

2. Freedom from the veil of sin v. 16

A. The law was a record of our sin: [Romans 7:7-12](#)

B. In Christ we are free from the record: [Colossians 3:11-14](#)

3. Freedom from the veil of death v. 17-18

A. We have been unveiled to life!

1. It doesn't matter the circumstances
2. It doesn't matter what anyone says
3. It doesn't matter about anything else!
4. “*where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!*”

B. It only happens when you turn to the Lord

1. Not when you get rich.
2. Not when you have an exciting adventure
3. Not when you have a lot of friends
4. Not when you become important
5. Not when you have all knowledge
6. It is when you turn to the Lord!

Conclusion:

1. Turn your Eyes upon Jesus ...
2. Philippians 3:7-11—What is more important than Christ?
3. Only veiled eyes would make anything else seem greater!
4. Come To Jesus! He will save you!
5. “Why do you wait? Arise and be baptized washing away your sins calling on the name of the Lord!” ~~~~~