

THE GREATER GLORY OF SPIRIT SERVICE
II COR. 3:7-11

Introduction:

- A. There are two "ministrations" here written about by Paul. v9
 - 1. "ministration of condemnation."
 - 2. "ministration of righteousness."

- B. What is a "ministration?"
 - 1. diakonia = service, attendance, to serve.
 - 2. It is translated administration, dispensation.

- C. Paul referred to himself as one who served.
 - 1. v6.
 - 2. ministers = diakones = noun, diakonia = verb.

- D. There were two things which rendered service to mankind, particularly the law, to Israel.
 - 1. The first was written. Written characters.
 - a. v7, engraven = to carve in, to cut in.
 - b. v6, the letter killeth.
 - c. If this is the ten commandments the letter and the spirit both killeth.
 - d. apokeno = to kill outright, of judges, to condemn to death; of the executioner, to put to death.
 - 2. The second was a work of the Spirit.
 - a. v8.
 - b. v6.

- E. Paul probably wrote these truths to counteract the ones in the church who mourned the passing of "glorious things."
 - 1. Jews, Priesthood = v7.
 - 2. Pagans, Priesthood = v7.

I. THE FIRST, THE WRITTEN LAW.

A. How did it come?

1. Exodus 31:12-18.
2. Exodus 34:1-4,29-30.

B. What were its characteristics?

1. "the letter killeth," v6.
2. "ministration of death," v7.
3. "was glorious," v7.
4. "ministration of condemnation," v9.
5. "It could be excelled," v10.
 - a. hyperballo - to throw or cast beyond, to surpass, to go beyond, to exceed.
6. It was temporary. v11.
 - a. "done away," katargeo - to render inactive, idle, useless, hence to spoil.

C. What happened to it?

1. It was "done away."
2. It was, "nailed to the cross." Col. 2:14.
3. "took it out of the way," away, out of the midst.
4. Christ is the end. Rom. 10:4.

II. THE SECOND, THE SPIRIT.

A. Its characteristics.

1. It is more glorious than the first. v8,11.
2. It remaineth = meno - continue, abide, remain, stay.
 - a. Will never change, same laws as millennial.
3. it is written in hearts of flesh. v3

B. The written came by Moses.

1. Mt. Sinai.
2. The written word (law) kills, condemns, etc.

C. Grace and truth came by Jesus.

1. John 1:17 "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

D. The words of Jesus are life, Moses words were death!

1. John 6:63 "It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

E. Jesus is, "that spirit."

1. v17.

2. John 4:21-26.

III. TODAY AND FOREVER WE WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT.

A. We are born of the Spirit.

1. John 3:3-

2. People have always been born of the Spirit.

B. We continue in the Spirit.

1. Gal. 3:3 "This only would I learn of you; received ye the spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are we now made perfect by the flesh?"

C. We conclude in the Spirit.

1. Rom. 8:9-11.