

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: 2 Corinthians 3:18, From Glory, To Glory

The ablative of source, “*from the source of glory*,” refers to the indwelling Shekinah Glory whose thoughts are contained in the Scriptures.

If we are to be transformed into His image, we must inculcate into our souls these same thoughts.

Thus, the source of glory is Christ, the Shekinah Glory dwelling within us.

We tap into the source of glory by means of looking into the mirror of the Word.

When we look into the Bible, it acts as a mirror of the indwelling Christ, reflecting into our streams of consciousness the glory of His thinking.

Through faith in Christ our souls become unveiled through regeneration.

This unveiling process is accompanied by divine operating assets which enable the believer to transfigure his soul from a vessel of dishonor into a vessel of honor.

We recently learned this principle from Paul’s dissertation on the negative volition of the Jewish people in:

Romans 9:21 - For does not the Potter [God] have sovereign authority [Potter’s wheel] over the clay [human life], to make from the same lump [human volition], on the one hand, a vessel resulting in honor [mature believer], and, on the other hand, a vessel resulting in dishonor [reversionistic believer or unbeliever]?

The source of power for molding the mature believer into a vessel of honor is found in the final prepositional phrase of 2 Corinthians 3:18: ‘*apo* + the ablative of source from the noun: *pneuma* and the descriptive genitive of: *kurios* - “*from the Spirit of the Lord*,” best translated, “*from the source of the Holy Spirit*.” The corrected translation of this verse now sounds like this:

2 Corinthians 3:18 - But we all, with an unveiled face [believers under the filling of the Holy Spirit inside the Divine Power System] looking into a mirror [Scripture] to produce a reflection [the Shekinah Glory reflected into our souls], namely, the glory of our Lord, are being transfigured [*metamorphoo*] into that same image from the source of glory [Christ: the Shekinah Glory] to the attainment of glory [spiritual maturity: the Uniform of Honor] from the source of the Holy Spirit [enabling power inside the Divine Power System].

Thus, we see how the veiled glory of our Lord in the Church Age can become manifest in our souls through a transfiguration.

Our Lord’s intrinsic glory was veiled in His body by means of *kenosis*, during the Incarnation.

It was briefly unveiled on the Mount of Transfiguration in order to assure the apostles of the certainty of the public kingdom.

The Shekinah Glory is again veiled in the Church Age in the body of the believer which serves as a Temple for His indwelling.

It is unveiled again by the positive volition believer when he looks into the mirror of the Word of God.

By utilizing the assets associated with the Grace Apparatus for Perception, the glory of our Lord is reflected from the Scriptures into our souls.

Faith perception allows the Holy Spirit to transfer divine thought into our streams of consciousness.

And 2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us that this results in our heart being transfigured into the image of our Lord's own glory.

The mechanics of this transfiguration takes the glory of the indwelling Shekinah Glory and, through spiritual growth, unveils it in the mature believer's stream of consciousness.

This transfiguration results in the soul being clothed in a Uniform of Honor: *"from the source of glory [Christ: the Shekinah Glory] to the attainment of glory [spiritual maturity: the Uniform of Honor]."*

Therefore, this verse documents that the soul is transfigured into a Uniform of Honor by the inculcation of Bible doctrine into the stream of consciousness.

We have learned that the removal of the veil of unbelief unveils the glory of Christ.

The *"unbelief"* emphasized here is toward the content of the Scriptures.

As the believer learns the doctrines of the Word, the veil is gradually lifted and the glory shines through into his heart.

We have now documented from 2 Corinthians 3:18 how knowledge of Bible doctrine unveils the glory of the indwelling Shekinah Glory in the believer's stream of consciousness.

This same concept is what is referred to by Paul in Philippians 2:15's final clause, *"... you keep shining as light-giving bodies in the Devil's world."*

Corrected and Expanded Translation: Philippians 2:12-15:

Philippians 2:12 - So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed my teachings [over the past 15 years], not only in my presence but now much more in my absence, [katergazomai] continue the willing cultivation of your streams of consciousness to the ultimate conclusion of harvesting [soteria] your own deliverance from danger and your own preservation from persecution, accompanied by reverence and respect.

Philippians 2:13 - For it is the Holy Spirit who is at work in you both to motivate the desire and to execute above and beyond God's good pleasure.

Philippians 2:14 - Keep on doing all things without discontent and argumentations which undermine establishment authority.

Philippians 2:15 - In order that [purpose clause] you yourselves might become [potential for historical impact] blameless [establishment integrity] even undiluted by evil [Christian integrity], students under the discipline and authority of God [genuine humility] not a disgrace to society [person of honor], in the midst of a crooked, perverted and contorted Zeitgeist [the inventory of the emotions and streams of consciousness of the general population], among whom you keep shining as light-giving bodies [the reflection of the indwelling Shekinah Glory manifest as a uniform of honor] in the Devil's world.