

Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

-2 Corinthians 3:16

- Whenever anyone*** - Anyone means *anyone*. Salvation, truth, life, freedom - it is all available to ALL.
- ...turns to*** - A decision or action or response made by a person. Some people call this *repentance*.
- ...the Lord,*** - Recognizing Jesus as Lord, the One in charge of all things and the only One who can make things different (by removing the veil).
- ...the veil*** - A veil keeps you from being able to see everything clearly and from being able to fully reflect God's glory. In the Bible, the veil signified something that made their minds and hearts dull.
- ...is taken away.*** - Now we can reflect God's glory and live in freedom and be transformed into His likeness by His Spirit. Then, we become the unveiled community.

{Here is the verse in context with highlighted parts for emphasis.}

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because **only in Christ is it taken away**. 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 **But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away**. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom**. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord's glory, **are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. [See full chapter here - 2 Corinthians 3](#)

What makes this a simple gospel message is that there are numerous biblical doctrines included, such as the gospel, repentance, nature of Jesus (Christology), sin and selfishness, salvation, sanctification, the Trinity, and the church (ecclesiology) included in a very brief "word picture" of having a veil removed, which is easy to identify with for the reader. It also illustrates that the work of changing someone is done by God while the human part is to simply "turn to the Lord" and trust Him to do the transforming work.