



# Important Message

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2 Corinthians 3:6 (ESV)


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**Important message:** In this world where there is an open assault on Christianity, human decency, and natural divine order, this is a very important message. We have a God given ministry. We need to understand the message of this ministry and the power of this ministry. First and foremost, this is the message we believe and the message we declare to the world.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We often elaborate on the terms of the message to communicate clearly: Substitution, Cleansed, Forgiven, Redeemed, Love, Eternal Life, and that we will never die.

 We understand that only through this message of Christ will anyone be able to understand deeper things of God and to be able to live out God's desire for us.

We need to be very cautious about being drawn into arguments with the unbelieving world. What do you think about issue #1, #2, #3, etc., etc., etc.? Even here, I don't like to name particular issues or sins because if I name the particular issue or sin it becomes the point of reference and the solution is minimized. Therefore I will let you fill in the blank for the issue or sin that you are confronted with. We focus on the solution, which is Jesus Christ, HIM crucified, and HIS resurrection. **This is the message we declare to the world!**

**However, there is a part two of this very important message!** As believers we know that there is a power that comes from trusting Jesus Christ. We do not just believe something different, but we are something different. The Bible describes this supernatural transforming power ~~from~~ in various terms:

New Creation  
Born Again  
New Heart  
Death to Life  
Baptism of the Holy Spirit  
Christ in us

**Bottom-line this means that the divine takes up residence in our bodies.** Therefore as believers in Christ we don't have better rules, better religion, but we have a relationship with God being supernaturally transformed and empowered to behave like Jesus.



Therefore with this relationship, God has also given believers the ministry of Jesus, the ministry of the Spirit that gives life and power. Look at these verses again!

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#1 Not sufficient in ourselves

#2 Our sufficiency is from God

#3 God make us sufficient ministers of a new covenant

#4 Not of the Letter but of the Spirit

#5 For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

*Of utmost importance is*  
Part two of this very important message:

The Spirit is the power behind changed behavior!

The Spirit transforms us into the glory of the LORD!

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed\* into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

\*metamorphose – changing – caterpillar to a butterfly!

Summation of this Important message: First and foremost, Jesus is the only, only, only answer! Part two of this Important message is that after we are introduced to Jesus the only, only, only answer, we receive Jesus and are transformed into HIS glory which comes by the Holy Spirit.

**Brothers and Sisters do not be intimidated by the lies of this world, the lies of Satan. There is power in the name of Jesus and through Jesus we have the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Therefore we say with full knowledge and supernatural power:**

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***