

The Process of Change – 3 “The Word”

II Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)

“... beholding as in a glass....”

Glass (Greek) a mirror

Amplified: “.... continue to behold (in the word of God) as in a mirror the glory of the Lord...”

II Corinthians 4:1-6 (KJV)

Jesus is God’s glory manifested.

He is the face of God (Exodus 33 and 34 ref)

Beholding Him in Scripture is beholding God’s glory.

Mark 4:13-20 (ref) Matthew 13 (ref)

Parable of sower sowing seed

Mark 4:13-20 (KJV) explanation of parable

Vs. 13 “Important parable” Why?

1. Satan’s strategies exposed
2. The importance of our hearts
3. God’s Word and how it works revealed

Vs. 14 Sower sows the Word (seed)

Matthew 13:19 Word of the Kingdom

(Kingdom = God’s rule of grace and truth)

Vs. 15 First ground was wayside

Satan steals the Word! How?

Matthew 13:19 – no understanding

Vs. 16-17 Second ground (heart) was stony

How does Satan get the Word?

Affliction / persecution / offense

Vs. 18-19 Among thorns

How does Satan get it?

1. Cares of this world
2. Deceitfulness of riches
3. Lust of other things

Vs. 20 Good ground
Hear God's Word
Receive God's Word (understand)
Bring forth fruit (endure)
30 / 60 / 100 fold (progressive)

God's Word is seed.
It (God's Word) changes us.
John 17:17 (ref)
John 8:31-32 (ref)