

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for November 8, 2009**

**“The Surpassing Effects of Paul’s Ministry as a Servant of the New Covenant”**  
**2 Corinthians 3:12-13**

What were the surpassing effects of Paul’s ministry as a servant of the new covenant according to 2 Corinthians 3:12-18?

The first surpassing effect of Paul’s ministry as a servant of the new covenant was boldness (2 Corinthians 3:12-13).

The hope that Paul and his companions possessed was their unshakable confidence in the transcendent glory of the new covenant in comparison to the lesser glory of the old covenant.

Paul’s reference to “boldness” (PARRESIA) describes his and his companions’ courageous, confident and outspoken proclamation of the gospel.

The word translated “fading as it was” (KATERGEO) when it was used by Paul, meant “to make of no effect, to make powerless.”

Moses covered his face with a veil in 2 Corinthians 3:7 to render the glory of God that was being manifested on his face of no effect in order to protect the nation of Israel from destruction.

Moses covered his face with a veil in 2 Corinthians 3:13 to render “the end” (TELOS), or in other words the outcome of the death-dealing judgment of God’s glory on Israel, of no effect.

Though Moses had to be extremely careful in mediating the glory of the old covenant to those who lived under the old covenant, Paul, as a servant of the new covenant, had no such limitation.

May God, in light of the surpassing glory of the new covenant, give us the grace as servants of the new covenant to proclaim the gospel of Christ courageously and confidently.