

Acts #39 “Introducing Stephen” Acts 6:8-9

We are being observed by others around us and by being in their observation, they come to know something about us.

So, this means to know from carefully and constantly watching people (present tense), which means they are being observed consistently by people and by the fallen angels. *We cannot live in this life, as believers in Jesus Christ and follow Him without receiving the observation of others; they may not know us, they may not even know our names but we are under observation both by angels and by men and this is our part in the angelic dispute; so we are definitely in the picture as far as that is concerned.*

In every generation of believers, there are those who have the courage to stand on the Word of God, those who are not herd bound, who are not distracted, who do not fall apart and get into gimmicks, who do not substitute human for divine power and these people are the glory of God and the grace of God represented on earth!

In 2nd Corinthians 3:3, we have the witness of the life of the believer through the Holy Spirit and there are only two ways we can choose to live by way of biblical truth principle; either this must be approached through knowledge of the Word or it must be approached through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

In 2nd Corinthians 5, knowledge of the Word is emphasized but here in chapter 3, there's an emphasis on the ministry of God the Holy Spirit and when God pulled back the veil of the Church Age, the secret to glory is located in the third Person of the Trinity.

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2nd Corinthians 3:3 emphasizes that believers don't have to have the Gospel on a sign board as they walk around or plastered all over their cars as they drive.

The point is that the writing is on the inside and the writing is the glory that God has provided

for every believer in the Church Age.

We possess a glory that Moses knew nothing of, a glory that no Old Testament believer of the past possessed.

God has unveiled something new, beginning on the day of Pentecost.

The Age of Israel is the age of veiled glory; the Church Age is the age of unveiled glory.

IN THE CHURCH AGE:

Every believer is an ambassador representing Jesus Christ on earth and every believer is a priest representing himself before God.

We have a completed canon of Scripture.

Every believer is commanded to be filled with the Spirit, so we have a supernatural way of life.

Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ, as it is in every dispensation.

The glory emphasized in 2nd Cor 3 is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit Who produces divine good; while the sin nature produces only human good.

The battleground in life is the soul; so, what goes on in our soul determines what we really are.

If biblical truth is in our soul, the glory of God will be revealed in and through us and if God the Holy Spirit influences our lives, the glory of God will be revealed by us.

One of the signs of lack of Bible teaching is living in a day when man is trying to take the credit.

Stephen is full of grace and as a result, he is full of power.