



TITLE | Dangerous Mix
SERIES | Beyond Our Strength
TEXT | 2 Corinthians 3:7-11
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SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 3:7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, **8** will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? **9** For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. **10** Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. **11** For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. *ESV*

BIG IDEA:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Galatians 3:3 How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? *NLT*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-11 in which Paul contrasts the old and new covenants. Why do you think Paul takes such pains to distinguish the two covenants from one another? What is he warning against?

Tuesday:

An old-covenant mentality relies on our own ability to follow God's rules sufficiently to earn his blessing and avoid his punishment. A new-covenant mentality relies on the person and work of Jesus to receive new life and to live it well, bringing life to others. Should these two mentalities be mixed? Why or why not?

Wednesday:

Read Roman 3:19-20 and Galatians 3:23-24. What was the purpose of the law in the old covenant? If the purpose of the law has been fulfilled and the old covenant has ended, being superseded by the new, why is there still a propensity to mix old and new? What is the result?

Thursday:

Read Galatians 3:3. What practice is Paul describing as foolish? To what extent do you struggle with this?

Friday:

In what ways can you more completely rely on Jesus for every aspect of life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to rely on the person and work of Jesus, not only to receive new life, but also to live it well, bringing life to others. Amen.