

TRIUMPH IN THE NEW COVENANT

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. **2 Cor. 2:14-15**

WE ARE TRIUMPHANT IN CHRIST

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever <u>follows</u> me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." **Jn. 8:19**

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. - Luke 9:23:

OUTCOME OF FOLLOWING

"....uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ...."

<u>Follow</u> God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us <u>as a fragrant offering</u> and sacrifice to God. **Eph. 5:1-2**

¹Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? ² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. ³ You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. **2 Cor. 3:1-3**

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **2. Cor. 5:17**

After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you. Luke 22:20

WE ARE TRIUMPHANT IN A **NEW COVENANT**

⁴ Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶ He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. **2 Cor. 3:1-6**

⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! **2 Cor. 3:7-11**

WE ARE TRIUMPHANT IN OUR TRANSFORMATION

¹² Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech, ¹³ and *are* not like Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.

¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; ¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty (FREEDOM). ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. **2 Cor. 3:12-18**

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Phil. 1:6**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM. 2 Cor. 3:17

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **Rom. 8:1-2**

WE ARE FREE

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36