

OUR ILLUMINATING GOD

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 // November 20, 2022 AM

I. The Serpent blinds souls to the light of God's gospel glory (vv. 3-4).

II. The Spirit brightens souls with the light of God's gospel glory (vv. 5-6).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does Paul describe the light of Christ in vv. 4 and 6? What are the differences between the two descriptions? Similarities?
2. If we no longer have the incarnate Christ standing before us, how can we see His face?
3. Pastor Nick said that at no point is spiritual warfare raging more intensely than when the word of Christ is being read, spoken, or heard. Why would he say that? Do you agree?
4. Who is "the god of this age"? What is his great work? Why?
5. How does v. 6 point us back to the creation account in Genesis 1? How does the creation help us to understand our salvation?
6. Which Person of the Godhead causes the light of Christ to shine in our dark hearts? How does 2 Corinthians 3 help us to see that?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I conscious of the spiritual battle waging as I assemble with God's people under the preached word? What particular tactics does Satan use to keep me from attentively receiving Christ in the word and sacrament?
2. What does my prayer life say about my belief in the Spirit's exclusive work as illuminator?
3. Who could I begin daily praying for that the Spirit might apply the gospel to their souls in saving power? How does this text encourage me to do so?