



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **2 Corinthians 3: 4-11**

Brothers and sisters:

Such confidence we have through Christ toward God.

Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit  
for anything as coming from us;

rather, our qualification comes from God,

who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant,  
not of letter but of spirit;

for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, was so glorious  
that the children of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses  
because of its glory that was going to fade,

how much more will the ministry of the Spirit be glorious?

For if the ministry of condemnation was glorious,

the ministry of righteousness will abound much more in glory.

Indeed, what was endowed with glory

has come to have no glory in this respect

because of the glory that surpasses it.

For if what was going to fade was glorious,

how much more will what endures be glorious.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

One of the groups that gave Paul fits were the Jews who while interested in the Gospel of Jesus Christ were nonetheless fearful about leaving their Jewish traditions behind. The Law had been central to their worship and the way they lived their lives from the time they were children. But Paul would not give up on his insistence that faith in Jesus was the only way to experience glory.

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## Food for your Journey

The pope took the opportunity to "put Bob Dylan right" when the two megastars headlined a gig together last week in Bologna. Dylan met His Holiness on stage during a Catholic youth event before playing three of his best-known songs. After the two men had shaken hands and exchanged a few words, the pope stepped up to the microphone and took the singer to the theological cleaners.

"You say the answer is blowing in the wind, my friend," he observed. "So it is. But it is not the wind that blows things away, it is the wind that is the breath and life of the Holy Spirit, the voice that calls and says, 'Come!'"

Clearly enjoying the thunderous applause that greeted these words, the pope continued in a style that would not have disgraced a TV evangelist: "You ask me, how many roads must a man walk down before he becomes a man? I answer: One! There is only one road for man, and it is the road of Jesus Christ, who said I am the Way and the Life."

Unsurprisingly, Dylan was not seen to be taking notes for revised lyrics to his song.

--Ship of Fools Magazine Online,

September 29, 1997.

Dear Jesus, By the way I live my life, may I show others that You are the true and only way to experience joy in this life. Amen.