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***in the midst of moral, societal and
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- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,**
- 4 who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

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Ministry of grace...gives life

Freedom

Written on human hearts

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How are you relating to God...

v.16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

v. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

v.18 And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image,
from one degree of glory to another.

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- 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,
- 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.
- 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened— not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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Our focus next week...v.11-21

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**Is there anything in your life that needs to be
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so that Christ can be honored in you and
through you?**

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