



A. Let's think on II Corinthians 5:18-21. And Romans 8:1-11.

- a. The goal of all creation
 - i. The meaning of life
 - ii. The cognizance (coming to understanding) of human existence
- b. The Knowledge of God (not knowledge about God)
 - i. Isaiah 11:9 *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*
 - ii. What Paul speaks of as his coming to understand: Philippians 3:3-11

B. This new fragrance of Life is to permeate the Christian life and change the earth

- a. It begins in revelation
 - i. God creates man to know him
 - ii. God acts to reveal his existence (I Am) - his will (the Teaching) - and his nature (person)

To this very day, every time the Law of Moses is read, a veil lies over the minds of the hearers. However, as Scripture says of Moses, 'whenever he turns to the Lord the veil is removed'. Or: as Scripture says, when one turns to the Lord the veil is removed. Now the Lord of whom this passage speaks is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. And because for us there is no veil over the face, we all reflect as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; thus we are transfigured into his likeness, from glory to glory; this is of the Lord who is Spirit.

- b. In Revelation
 - i. We meet God in his revelation
 - ii. The Revelation includes and brings reconciliation
 - iii. The Reconciliation brings to us grace and truth
 - 1. This produces Renewal - the new birth
 - 2. Rescue - Restoration - Re-creation
 - 3. This is all in the Word of God

Christ taught us that "The Knowledge of God" was the key to ageless life: *This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent.* (John 17:3)

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