

## **2 Corinthians 4:3-6<sup>iv</sup>**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who shines in our hearts; (it is God) that gave the light of the knowledge, of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

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### **<sup>iv</sup> About the Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Paul defends his apostolic ministry against opponents in the Corinthian Church. To the charge of self-glorification, he replies that he preaches to make God known. He summarizes Christian belief in "Jesus Christ as Lord" (v. 5) and Christian ministry as service to others for Jesus' sake.

The God of creation is now manifested in the new creation through Christ. The light of Christ is unfading, in contrast to the fading light of the law. It now shines in the hearts of believers, gradually changing them into Christ's likeness