

SERMON NOTES
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Anti Depressants

2 Corinthians 2:14; 3:5-6, 17-18; 4:1-2, 6

Paul under stress

- 1:4 – afflictions
- 1:8 – death sentence
- 2:13 – unable to rest, anxious

Significant mood change

- 2:14 – triumph and thanks

- The glory of God
 - 4:6 – “the light of the knowledge”
 - 3:18 – “transformed from glory to glory”

- The Spirit of God
 - 3:17 – liberty
 - Ecstasy – *ek* = “out”; *stasis* = “to stand”

- The mercy of God
 - 4:1 – “having received mercy we do not lose heart”
en = “in”; *kakeo* = “bad”
 - 4:2 – “we have renounced things hidden because of shame”
Part of God’s mercy is a call into ministry.

A new song (Psalm 40:3)

2 Corinthians 2:14; 3:5-6, 17-18; 4:1-2, 6 (NASB)

2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

3:5-8 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, ⁶ who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1-2 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, ² but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.