Removing Veils
2 Cor. 3:12-18

Introduction:
A. Law served as veil to Jews after Christ came.
   1. Christ took away law. (Col. 2:14).
   2. Yet, Jews allowed to blind them Christ.
B. Mystery of Gospel no longer a mystery. (Eph. 3:1-12).
C. Many veils over hearts of people today that need removing.

Discussion:
I. The Veil Of Ignorance. (Rom. 10:1-4)
A. Destroyed Israel (Hos. 4:6)
C. No excuse. (Acts 17:30).

II. The Veil Of Human Tradition. (Matt. 15:1-3,6,9)
A. "Have always done it." (Matt. 5:27ff)
B. "Mother and Father did it" (Matt. 10:34-37; cf. Roast & Pan)

III. The Veil Of Human Wisdom. (Luke 10:21)
A. World by wisdom knew not God. (1 Cor. 1:21-24)
B. Do not need to have a "why" for everything – God’s authority enough. (Mt. 7:21; Gal. 3:1).
C. Example of human reasoning refuted. (Rom. 6:1).

IV. The Veil Of Worldly Standards (Phil. 3:19)
A. Israel allowed world to set standard for government.
B. Standard of greatness
C. Standard of morals.
   1. Everybody does it.
   2. Media sets standard too often.
D. Standard of religion (Rev. 3:1).
   1. Influences us in too many ways.
   2. Worship, language, work, preaching, etc.

V. The Veil Of Personal Feelings (Jer. 10:23)
A. Misguided conscience. (Acts 26:1).
B. Prejudice. (Naaman-2 Kings. 5).
C. Emotional pull. ("What about so and so...")
D. Personal tastes.
E. Personal Feelings or thoughts must be brought into captivity to Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5)

VI. The Veil Of The Present Reward. (Matt. 6:1-2)
A. Six "P's" in pod of present reward:
   1. Praise
   2. Pleasure (cf. Heb. 11:25)
   3. Prestige
   4. Popularity
   5. Prosperity.
   6. Peace. (Peace, peace when there is no peace)
B. Effects our preaching and teaching.
   1. Preach it round or flat.
   2. Avoid offending anyone.

VII. The Veil Of Pride. (John 9:26-34)
A. Personal, family and clannish pride.
B. Keeps truth about gospel and ourselves hidden from us.

Conclusion:
A. Remove veils by turning to Christ.
B. Remove veils by applying teaching of Christ.