

2 Corinthians 3:15

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Here in Texas where I live, whenever severe weather is coming, people tend to hoard on things like food, toilet paper, water, etc... which they do to prepare incase of power outages, or the water being frozen in your pipes so you don't have any water. But I remember one winter as I went to the store, I noticed that almost all the canned soup was gone as well as other canned goods, and people bought them incase of a power outage so they would have something to eat (think frig not working because of power outages).

But I also thought, what if people bought all these canned goods in case of a power outage and all they had was a electric can opener, how would they open the cans if there was no electricity? Well, the obvious answer is to have a manual can opener, one that has a handle that you turn manually to open a can, like in the old days. (lol)

But that's where today's verse comes into play, because if you read the verse in it's context, you discover that non believers can not understand the bible unless they are saved and the Holy Spirit is guiding them. Let's read it in it's context and see if you can see it.

† **2 Corinthians 3:12-16** *Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech-- unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*

Did you see it in the last sentence? "*Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*"

It's like having all that great food in cans, ready to feed you, in this case spiritually, but having no can opener (The Holy Spirit), because you are relying on the world (technology of an electric can opener) to be able to understand the bible. But the reality, when you do that, you over complicate the bible and make it so no one can understand it, because the bible says that:

† **1 Corinthians 1:18-19** *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."*

† **1 Corinthians 1:27 (NLT2)** *Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.*

So if you are an unbeliever and you are not understanding the bible, ask the Lord to help you to understand it. Tell Him you want to know the truth of His word and that you want the veil that is over your eyes to be removed so that you can see it clearly for what it says.

Or maybe you are a believer and you struggle with understanding the bible, pray the same thing to the Lord, because sometimes you don't understand it because you allow the things of this world (the veil) to obscure or blind you to the truth of God's word. Ask the Lord to show what you are allowing in your life to do that, be certain TV shows or movies that you watch, the music you listen to, the sites you go to on the Internet, the unsaved friends you have been listening to and following their advise (Think social media).

Remember, you don't need a fancy \$125 can opener to enjoy the word of God, just the simplicity of a \$10.00 hand crank can opener, where you are digging in, not allowing something, or someone else to do the work for you in understanding God's word.

† **Psalm 119:129-130 (NLT2)** *Your laws are wonderful. No wonder I obey them! The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.*

† **Matthew 13:18-23** *"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*