

Living Letters

2 COR 3:1-6

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One Main Point: Paul's confidence before both God and man is found in the new covenant work of the Spirit of Christ.

Paul's "Letter"

- Commendation?
- The church at Corinth—a living letter
 - o Written on *Paul's* heart; known and read *by all*
- Showing the letter
 - o Written on the *Corinthians'* heart, shown *to all*
 - From Christ
 - Delivered by "us"
 - Written with the Spirit, not ink
 - Written on tablets of the heart, not stone

The church at Corinth *is* Paul's letter of commendation, written on *his heart*, because the Spirit of God, brought to the Corinthians *by* Paul, has written on *their hearts*.

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A Life-Giving Covenant

- Confidence *toward* God and *from* God
- *Made* sufficient
- A new covenant
 - Letter vs. Spirit
 - Death vs. life

Living as Letters

- Life in the Spirit
 - Desire for righteousness
 - Fruit of the Spirit
 - Inextinguishable hope, unwavering identity, incomparable worth
 - Spiritual growth