

2 Corinthians 3:1-11

Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

Walking Epistles

"How do you read me?" These may be common words to the amateur radio operator, but they are also words every Christian should be asking. Paul, writing to the believers at Corinth said they were his "epistle ... known and read of all men." He wrote to the church at Thessalonica and said their "faith toward God had gone forth, so that he had no need to say anything." The Bible makes it clear, true believers are to "deny ungodliness and worldly desires and live sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present age." To His children, God commands "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity." This is of utmost importance because, as the saying states, "You are the only Bible, the needy world may read."

Every Christian is called upon to be a living epistle, known and read by those around them. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."

On the other hand, the Epistle of James states: "Faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself." To the professing Christian who's life is void of a testimony for God, Paul says "Test yourselves, to see if you are in the faith, examine yourselves. Christ is in you unless indeed you fail the test." We live in a society where less than 6% of the population attend church, and where violence, corruption, deceit and injustice are worse than anyone would have imagined even ten years ago. Truly this is a world that desperately needs to "hear" from God. The importance of each Believer's testimony is clear. The Lord intended the Christian faith to be READ not DEAD. Christian friend, How is the world reading you?

What is my response:
