

2 2 Corinthians Lesson 9

Chapter 3:1-6

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1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some *others*, epistles of commendation to you, or *letters* of commendation from you? 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: 3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

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Verses 1-2:

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? (5:12, 10:12, 6:4, 4:2, 10:18, 12:11)
or need we, as some *others*,
epistles of commendation to you, (FM: Ac 15:30, *defined* v.23, 2 Co 7:8)
or *letters* of commendation from you? (Ac 18:27, 28:21)
2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts,
known and read of all men: (1 Co 9:2)

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Verses 3-4:

3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us,
written not with ink, (FM: Je 36:18, 2 Jo 12, 3 Jo 13)
but with the Spirit of the living God;
not in tables of stone, (3:7, Ex 24:12, De 10:1)
but in fleshy tables of the heart. (Pr 3:3, Je 31:33-34, Ez 11:19)

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: (FM: Ex 18:19, 1 Th 1:8)

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Verses 5-6:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; (2:16)
but our sufficiency *is* of God; (1 Co 15:10)
6 Who also hath made us able ministers (2 Co 6:4, Eph 3:7, Col 1:23)
of the new testament; (*not new covenant as the RV 1881, and RSV 1960*)
not of the letter, (Lk 23:38)
but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, (Ro 4:15, 2:29, 7:6. FM: 2 Sa 11:14)
but the spirit giveth life. Margin: Or, *quickeneth* (Ro 8:2, 1 Pe 3:18)