

*2Co 3:1 Do we begin again to
commend ourselves? or need we, as
some others, epistles of
commendation to you, or letters of
commendation from you?*

Acts 18:27 When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On arriving, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.

1 Cor 16:3 Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem.

*2Co 3:2 You are our letter, written
in our hearts, known and read by all
men;*

1 Cor 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?

*2Co 3:3 being manifested that you
are a letter of Christ, cared for by
us, written not with ink but with the
Spirit of the living God, not on
tablets of stone but on tablets of
human hearts.*

Ex 24:12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant
that I will make with the house of
Israel After those days, says the
Lord: I will put My laws into
their minds, And I will write them
upon their hearts. And I will be
their God, And they shall be My
people.

*2Co 3:4 Such confidence we have
through Christ toward God. (5)*

*Not that we are adequate in
ourselves to consider anything as
coming from ourselves, but our
adequacy is from God,*

1 Cor 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I
also am of Christ.

2 Cor 10:8 For even if I should boast
somewhat further about our authority,
which the Lord gave for building you up
and not for destroying you, I shall not be
put to shame,

*2Co 3:6 who also made us adequate
as servants of a new covenant, not of
the letter but of the Spirit; for the
letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

Heb 9:15 And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. 17 For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

Col 2:13 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Not of the letter –

Rom 7:6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

But of the spirit –

John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

*2Co 3:7 But if the ministry of death,
in letters engraved on stones, came
with glory, so that the sons of Israel
could not look intently at the face of
Moses because of the glory of his
face, fading as it was,*

Ex 24:12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

The OT could not give life but
looked forward to the NT.

Acts 13:39 and through Him
everyone who believes is freed
from all things, from which you
could not be freed through the
Law of Moses.

Gal 5:2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

*2Co 3:8 how will the ministry of the
Spirit fail to be even more with
glory?*

John 1:17 For the Law was given through
Moses; grace and truth were realized
through Jesus Christ.

*2Co 3:9 For if the ministry of
condemnation has glory, much more
does the ministry of righteousness
abound in glory. 10 For indeed
what had glory, in this case has no
glory because of the glory that
surpasses it.*

Heb 3:3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. 5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; 6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

*2Co 3:11 For if that which fades
away was with glory, much more
that which remains is in glory.*

The glory of Jesus will never fade

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." ... 19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

*2Co 3:12 Therefore having such a
hope, we use great boldness in our
speech,*

Titus 1:2 in the hope of eternal
life, which God, who cannot lie,
promised long ages ago,

*2Co 3:13 and are not like Moses,
who used to put a veil over his face
so that the sons of Israel would not
look intently at the end of what was
fading away.*

Ex 34:33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, 35 the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

2Co 3:14-15 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. (15) But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

John 12:40

"He has blinded their eyes, and
He hardened their heart; lest they
see with their eyes, and perceive
with their heart, and be converted,
and I heal them."

2Co 3:16 but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Mat 17:4-5 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (5) While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

*2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is the
Spirit, and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is liberty.*

Freedom from sin – not freedom to sin

Heb 10:12-13 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew,
He also predestined to become
conformed to the image of His Son,
that He might be the first-born
among many brethren; 30 and whom
He predestined, these He also called;
and whom He called, these He also
justified; and whom He justified,
these He also glorified.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 However, they did not all heed the glad tidings; for Isaiah says, " Lord, who has believed our report? " 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.