

## 2 Corinthians 3

King James Version (KJV)

**3** Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? (Paul had established the church, Does he now need a letter of recommendation? No. He was selected by God Himself)

<sup>2</sup>Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: (Their belief in God is his epistle)

<sup>3</sup>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. (They were ministered by Paul, but in the love of Jesus Christ. They don't need letters of recommendation from men)

<sup>4</sup>And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: (They trust in Jesus Christ that God has given them His Word) (Jesus is God with us – Emmanuel)

<sup>5</sup>Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; (Their works are of God, not of themselves. It's the Word of God that sets us free)

<sup>6</sup>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. Jeremiah-31:29-35 (Paul is trying to say that the letter of the law – we all break, but the Spirit of God forgives us and gives us life. We need to have the letter of the law, but when we fall short, it is the Spirit of forgiveness by God that returns us to salvation)

(Preachers ignorantly teach that this says that the New Testament made the Old Testament void – NOT SO. Only the blood ordinances were fulfilled by Jesus on the cross. The Law <10 Commandments> still applies)

<sup>7</sup>But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the

face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: (If the Law is glorious)

<sup>8</sup>How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? (Then the forgiveness and salvation through Jesus is also glorious)

<sup>9</sup>For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. (Both testaments work together for the glory of God)

<sup>10</sup>For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

<sup>11</sup>For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. (The penalties for breaking the law of the Old Testament have been replaced and exceeded by the repentance and forgiveness through Jesus in the New Testament)

(There will never be a "3<sup>rd</sup>" testament. Those that claim to have a revised word of God are fakes and cults – Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Muslims, Christians preachers who claim to have had a new vision, etc) (Jesus said – behold, I have told you all things)

<sup>12</sup>Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: (We teach plainly so that everyone will learn. The glory is in God, not the preacher)

<sup>13</sup>And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

<sup>14</sup>But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. (When Jesus was crucified, we all were given direct access to God. There is no need for a high priest anymore)

(Analogy – They could not see the glory of God in Moses' face, but we can see the full glory of God in Jesus' face. They could not see the events that will lead to end of days in the Old Testament. It was all revealed to us by Jesus in the New Testament)

<sup>15</sup> But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. (Because they leave out the forgiveness that Jesus brought us) also see Mathew-23:2-12

<sup>16</sup> Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. (Jesus opened salvation to whosoever will believe upon Him and repent for their sins)

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (The truth <God's Word> sets us free from sin and spiritual death)

(One God – many offices: the Father, Jesus, His Holy Spirit, Meschizedek, the Angel of the Lord, ect)

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (The Holy Spirit)