

II Cor. 3:1-7

SUBJECT: ^{by G.A.}
The Epistles of Christ

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YE ARE THE EPISTLES OF CHRIST

In Scripture, the people of God are set forth in ^{various} figures.

As a field of ^{golden grain} wheat, ripening for the harvest.

As vine branches, richly laden with fruit

As pomegranates and figs, sweet and refreshing

As cedars of Lebanon, standing firm before fire and ~~storm~~

As stars fixed in the heavenly firmament

As the sun ascending into heaven, lighting the world

As gold purified in the refining fire

As jewels flashing from the diadem of kings

For might, as the lion in the night

For humility, the lamb in the sheep

For usefulness, the salt of the earth.

Here: letters, epistles.

A Christ. letter
written of God
as the soul

The testimony of Jesus: the message of God.

1. ⁷ What are the epistles of Christ THE MESSAGE INCARNATE

The Xth faith, made flesh: doctrine, truths quickened, made real.

As long as in books - on shelves - words, sermons... ^{"with" "in words" "parchments, paper"} ^{"nothing"}
remains to living, quickened, incarnate, in use.

of children. How teach? ^{Living, walking before them.}
of the world. How impress? ^{" " " "}

This is the work of Christ
" " " ministry of the apostles } you.
" " " deposit of the truths
" " " witness to the world

The Xth faith written on the soul of the congregation is Xth is
its most legible
convincing
preaching
enduring
distinct form.

2. Our ^{mission} mission: A MESSAGE TO DELIVER.

of Jesus: Jn. 18:37 "to this end was I born... witness unto the truth"
: Acts 1:8 "and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

of Paul II Cor. 2:14 the secret of his triumphant spirit.
what is the triumph you speak of? of the triumph, what
is defeat? Stoned in Lycaonia - scourged in Philippi - rejected by
Jehovah's witnesses in Athens. saved out of the hands of the mob only by
Roman soldiers in Jerusalem. imprisoned in Caesarea - slain in Rome.
1) the triumph, what is defeat?
the secret? II Tim. 4:7
I Cor. 11:23; 15:3 "delivered... raised"

3. The appeal to you.

The tutoring is yours
the message is God's.

No tutoring without you
" without " "
" complete " "

Each one of us, a syllable, a word, the interpretation the letter.

The spirit of Christ to the world: given, revealed, known, real.
So with discipleship, if such a thing may possibly, would be of
no session as a battle of commendation.
of Nicodemus - at first, by night.
- but at the cross, openly, with flesh & animals.