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Sermon Guide Notes: November 16, 2025

2 Corinthians 3

Living Letters: The Glory of the New Covenant

Simple Sermon:

The New Covenant doesn't just change what we do — it changes who we are.

Key Verse:

2 Corinthians 3:3 – 'You are a letter from Christ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God.'

Point #1: A transformed life is the best testimony.

(2 Corinthians 3:2)

You don't need a title or certificate to be used by God. A changed life is the most powerful witness. You are the gospel people are reading.

Reflection:

What are people reading from your life?

Point #2: The gospel changes us from the inside out.

(2 Corinthians 3:3, Jeremiah 31:33)

The Old Covenant was written on stone. The New Covenant is written on hearts. Religion tries to change behavior — Jesus transforms hearts.

Reflection:

Are you living by rules or by the Spirit?



Point #3: Rules can't change hearts — only the Spirit can.

(2 Corinthians 3:6, Romans 3:20)

The law reveals sin but can't save. The Spirit brings life. The law is like a mirror — it shows you your need, but only Jesus can cleanse you.

Reflection:

Are you trying to fix yourself, or letting the Spirit transform you?

Point #4: The glory of the gospel is not temporary — it's eternal.

(2 Corinthians 3:10-11, Hebrews 8:6)

Everything else fades — but the gospel doesn't. The Old Covenant had glory, but it faded. The New Covenant surpasses it and lasts forever.

Reflection:

Are you building your life on what lasts?

Point #5: You can't fully understand the Bible until you know the Author.

(2 Corinthians 3:14-16, John 5:39-40)

Many read the Bible but miss Jesus. The veil is only lifted when we turn to Christ. Without Him, we're reading in the dark.

Reflection:

Have you turned to Jesus and let Him open your eyes?

Point #6: What you focus on shapes who you become.

(2 Corinthians 3:18, James 1:23-25)

You become what you behold. The more you look at Jesus, the more you become like Him — from glory to glory.

**Reflection:**

What are you focusing on daily? Is it shaping you toward Christ?

Application Questions:

- Am I living under grace or under guilt?
- Am I trying to earn God's favor or resting in the Spirit's work?
- Is my life a living letter pointing others to Jesus?

Challenge:

This week, ask yourself: What letter is my life writing? Let the Spirit write truth on your heart and let your life reflect the glory of Jesus.

Let's be a people who don't just talk about the gospel — but live it. Let's be living letters, written by the Spirit, read by the world.

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