

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 4, 2009

“The Corinthians as Paul’s Letter”
2 Corinthians 2:16-17

What indispensable credentials did Paul have that made written commendations on behalf of Paul unnecessary?

The first credential was Paul’s letter (2 Corinthians 3:2).

Paul’s letter was the Corinthian church, or in other words, the Corinthians themselves were Paul’s living, breathing letter of recommendation.

The second credential was Christ’s letter (2 Corinthians 3:3).

Though the Corinthians were Paul’s letter of commendation, his letter of commendation had been written by Christ.

The third credential was the Spirit’s letter (2 Corinthians 3:3).

God had promised Israel, through the prophet Ezekiel, that there was a day coming when He would change their heart (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

God’s promise to Israel through Ezekiel that at some future time he would change the hearts of Israel was directly connected to the “New Covenant” promised through the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-33).

May God give us the grace to understand that the credentials of a true minister of the gospel of Christ will be far superior to any written commendation.