

# *A Letter*

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## **2 Corinthians 2**

**17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.**

## **2 Corinthians 3**

**1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you?**

**2 You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. 3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.**

**4 Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

## **Jeremiah 31**

**31 “The time is coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.**

**32 It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their forefathers  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke My covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.**

**33 “This is the covenant I will make  
with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.  
“I will put My law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be My people.**

**34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor,  
or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’  
because they will all know Me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.  
“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”**