

# Orlando Bible Students—Monday Evening Study Outline



## 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

December 2021 – January 2022

*Note: Contribute by adding appropriate scriptures that you feel go along with the questions and be prepared to share with us why you wanted to add that scripture.*

### Verses 1 – 3

- 1) Why did Paul feel compelled to make such a statement as he did in this first verse? Was this a defensive statement?
  
- 2) Where would a letter of recommendation be appropriate and where not? How would this apply to what Paul was doing in Corinth? Compare the “letter” of the recommendation example to the “spirit” of what Paul was saying. *See also 2 Cor. 5:12; 2 Cor. 10:8; R4517*
  
- 3) What do you think Apostle Paul was saying when he made the statement, (*Phillips*) “You yourselves are our testimonial written in our hearts?” Define and apply this to being a *living epistle*. Was this Paul’s hope for the Corinthians - or a reality? Could we apply this in any way to our own experiences?

### Verses 4-5

- 4) Was Paul saying, here or ever, that the establishment of the Corinthian Church was all his work? How would we apply this *in our own* lives and services—and in what way? What fruit of the spirit was he modeling and why was this important? *Phil. 4:13*

### Verses 6 +

- 5) In verse 6 why does Paul focus on being “ministers of the new testament”? How does this communicate his position of activity towards the Corinthians or any of the classes that he has established or served? If we believe the New Covenant is future then how are we in any way *ministers* of the new testament or New Covenant” now? *See Diaglott*
  
- 6) What’s Paul’s point about “for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life”? Does this apply to his relationship with the Corinthians?
  
- 7) What are the “effects” or impact of the spirit of the ministration of the New Covenant on Christians **in contrast** to the Law’s effects; and how does this apply towards Paul’s *and our training* for services in the Kingdom for the world?