

“Epistles of Christ”

2 Cor. 3:1-3

Introduction

- I. Have you ever heard the saying, “You are the only Bible that some people will ever read”?
- II. There is a lot of truth in that statement because Christians are living epistles or letters of Christ (2 Cor. 3:1-3).
- III. Every one “reads” the lives of Christians, and we must do our part to live as the Lord desires.

Discussion

- I. To a degree, all men are open letters.
 - A. Every one is on a certain side, and thus has influence on others (Matt. 12:30).
 - B. We are being “read” by our children, our neighbors, our fellow workers, etc.
- II. Christians must diligently strive to live righteous lives (Eph. 4:22-24).
 - A. We must guard our speech (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6; Matt. 12:36-37; James 1:19).
 - B. We must guard our actions (1 Thess. 4:11-12).
 - C. We must guard our dress (1 Tim. 2:9-10; cf. Prov. 7:10).
 - D. We must demonstrate spiritual things are more important than physical (Matt. 6:24-34).
 - E. We must demonstrate positivity instead of negativity (Phil. 2:14-16).
 - F. We must live in such a way that our lives continued to be “read” even after death (Heb. 11:4; Mark 14:9; John 11:2).

Conclusion

- I. What are people seeing when they “read” you life?
- II. Are we the types of epistles/letters that are pleasing to God?