

MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Title: "AN EPISTLE OF CHRIST"

(I) THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH AS LIVING MESSAGES OF GOD

- 1. Isaiah's example (Isaiah 8:18)**
- 2. Hosea's example (Hosea 1)**

(II) THE EPISTLES OF THE APOSTLES

- 1. Epistles were simply "Letters"**
- 2. They contained the following:-**
 - a) Instruction
 - b) Correction
 - c) Inspiration
- 3. They were written by holy servants of God**
 - a) To minister to the churches
 - b) To encourage the brethren
 - c) To combat false teachers/ false doctrines

(III) THE CONCEPT OF BEING LIVING EPISTLES OF CHRIST

- 1. Epistles written upon the heart**
 - a) Written in the heart of the apostles (**2 Corinthians 3:2**)
 - b) Known by all
 - c) Read by all

2. Epistles of Christ

- a) Written by the servants of God (like Paul) (**2 Corinthians 3:3**)
- b) Written by the Spirit of God (**2 Corinthians 3:3**)
- c) Written on the heart (**2 Corinthians 3:3**)

(IV) THE CHALLENGE TO BE WRITTEN EPISTLES OF CHRIST

- 1. The love of Christ (John 13:34-35)**
- 2. Great faith (Matthew 8:10)**
- 3. Good works (Matthew 5:16)**