

# Discussion Questions

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## The Unveiled Life: Letter of Recommendation

1. Have you ever had to have or give a letter of recommendation? For what?
2. What would somebody who is "Pedaling the Gospel" look like?
3. How has God written the gospel on your heart?
4. What does the phrase "Our sufficiency is from God" mean to you?
5. What does it mean to be "In Christ"?
6. For the letter kills but the Spirit gives life – what does that look like for you on a daily basis?



*But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?*

**2 Corinthians 2:14 – 16**

*For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.*

**2 Corinthians 2:17**

*Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—*

**Galatians 1:1**

*I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.*

**2 Corinthians 12:1 – 4**

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

**2 Corinthians 3:1**

*You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

**2 Corinthians 3:2 – 3**

Old Covenant

Written on Tablets of Stone

The Veiled Life

New Covenant

Written on Tablets of Human Hearts

The Symbol for this is the Unveiled Life

*Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 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.*

**2 Corinthians 3:4 - 6**

*Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?*

**Galatians 3:2 – 6**

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

**Romans 5:1-2**

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

**Romans 5:6 - 9**

*You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

**2 Corinthians 3:2 – 3**

*Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

**2 Corinthians 3:4 – 6**

Terms used for those found “In Christ”

- Letters of recommendation – 2 Corinthians 3
- Ministers of a new covenant – 2 Corinthians 3
- Ambassadors for Christ – 2 Corinthians 4
- Apostello (Apostles) – the “sent ones” – John 17