1. Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some [others], epistles of commendation to you, or [letters] of commendation from you?

2. Ye are our epistle written in all men:

3. [Forasmuch as ye are] manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

4. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as [any] thing of [ourselves]; but our sufficiency [is] of God;

6. Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; of ourselves; but our sufficiency [is] of God;
7 But if the ministration of death, written [and] engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which [glory] was to be done away:

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?
12. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13. And not as Moses, [which] put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14. But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail taken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ.

15. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.
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