

"Metaphors Of Christians."

1-There are six principal figures of speech among which is the metaphor.

1-The figure of speech that makes the largest contribution toward change of meaning in words is the metaphor.

1-A metaphor suggest a likeness or analog between words or phrases.

2-Corinthians 3:1-3;

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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 our hearts, known and read of all men:³;

Forsasmuch 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.

1-What difference there is in the appearance and in the matter of the letters we daily receive.

1-They vary in handwriting, in style, in tone, and in matter.

2-According to the character of the writer:

1-Letters set forth the relation of the writer to the reader or receiver.

2-The character of the writer determines the business upon which they treat.

2-There is something characteristic in all:

1-All letters tell us something of our correspondents.

2-Letters tell us something of the mind and will of the correspondent.

3-The people of God are set forth under various figures in Scripture:

1-For example: As corn ripening for harvest

2-As Lebanon's cedars standing like rocks under fiercest blast. As the sun climbing the heavens, enlightening the world.

3-In our passage: They are called "the epistles of Christ."

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1-Epistles of Christ-Some teachers had visited the Christians at Corinth:

- 1-These teachers boasted of the letters of introduction they brought with them.

These letters;

Authenticated their commission and their ministry. These letters were written with ink and by man.

2-How are these epistles of Christ written?:

1-How they are not written:

- 1-They are not written by men with ink or any other writing device.
- 2-They are not written in tables of stone as was the law of Moses. **Exodus 24:12.**

2-How they are written:

- 1-They are written by the Spirit of the living God.
- 2-To be worth anything, the epistle must be dictated by Jehovah God. Creeds, epistles, or letters written by men or not valid in spiritual affairs.

3-Where they are written:

- 1-They are written in fleshy tables of the heart. **Jeremiah 31:33-34;**

33-After those days saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people. **34;--**For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

3-The Author-Writer:

- 1-Did some man write? Did the Corinthians write it?
- 2-Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, through the preaching of Paul, presented it to the Corinthians, and they, like the Thessalonians, (1-2:13);

Received from Paul the word of God and accepted it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worked in them that believed.

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1-The Epistles-Who, or what are they?

1-They were the christians of Corinth.

2-They are the christians at North Side.

3-They are christians every where.

4-Regarding christians, someone has said:

1-That every individual is a syllable;

2-Every congregation a word;

3-Every generations of believers a line;

4-In the ever lengthening scroll, which approaches its close as the ages near the end.

5-What is written upon the hearts of flesh?

1-It is the Mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5;

Let this mind be in you,
which was also in Christ Jesus.

2-The truth is:

1-That Christians must become like Christ
in character.

3-Some Christians:

1-Are piously humble on the Lord's day, but
follow the ways of the world during the
week.

2-Who reads these epistles?

1-Paul declared; 2-Cor. 3:2;

Ye are our epistle
and may be know and read of all men.

2-Let your character be a consistent representation or epistle of your Lord.

3-Let your life be an original genuine production of Jesus Christ by, "the Spirit of the living God." It must not be a copy of some man's religion and gain the approval of God.

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... and children every day
... in a child
... very cooperation
... in the very beginning
... are close to the heart

... the day of birth
... the child in the
... first child and soul
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