

## Which Version of the Bible?

### II Corinthians 3:1-3

*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 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:*

### Hypocrisy

Here we find an interesting passage about our lives as believers. We are told that our lives are an epistle in which all men will read. The question here for us today is:

### Which Version Are You?

#### 1. Read of All Men (2)

**Romans 2:23-25** Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? **24** For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. **25** For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

**Titus 2:1-5** (5) *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

**1 Peter 3:1** Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won **by the conversation** of the wives;

**1 Peter 4:14** If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

#### 2. Representing Christ (3)

**II Corinthians 4:7-12** tells us that we are representing Christ in our bodies!

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. **8** *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; **9** Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; **10** Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. **11** For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. **12** So then death worketh in us, but life in you.”

#### 3. Responsibility (4)

**James 2:18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

**I Thessalonians 2:3-5** “*For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.*”

**In the very next Chapter we find this same trust being placed upon us**

### II Corinthians 4:3-5

### Conclusion:

Are people drawn to Christ by your lifestyle?

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*Scripture tells us that we are a book, read by all mankind,  
How we live each moment, paints a picture in their mind.*

*Do they see a loving Saviour who has power to change a life,  
Or do they see a harsh taskmaster, who only gives pain and strife?*

*Do they see His presence overflowing in your walk,  
Or do they only know of Him by His words which you seldom talk?*

*Do they see a victorious Christians who is glad their soul He did win,  
Or do they see a miserable person who only longs for their old sin?*

*Do they see a loving God who sheds His love in hearts abroad,  
or is it all just superficial, nothing but a phony fraud.*

*Which version of the bible will others see in me,  
Will they be drawn close to Him or from Him will they flee?*