

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

A young man was driving a visiting clergyman from his home town to another city. On the way, they passed a huge factory. "Do you see that red brick building over there?" the man asked. "I work on the second floor. There are seventy-four of us in that department, and as far as I know, I am the only one who ever goes to church or tries to live a Christian life. Sometimes I have to remind myself that, as far as that department is concerned, I'm all there is of the Christian Church. If I don't do good work, then the Church has failed as far as those men are concerned. If I can't be relied upon, then the Church isn't dependable. If I am careless, then some poor unfortunate soul may have to pay for the Church's carelessness. It is pretty serious business being the Church in the midst of seventy-four other people."

**2 Cor. 3:2-3 You are our letter ... known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for 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.**

Paul encourages his readers in Corinth to remember that they are all letters of Christ for all the world to read. This message of Christ had been written into their hearts by the messengers of God sharing the Word of God. These Corinthian disciples, just as we American disciples are responsible to live our lives in such a way that we may effectively carry this message of hope and renewal to those around us. We have an obligation to share the hope and forgiveness of Jesus with all who will read what God has written on our hearts. Live your life today, in word and deed, not as a tablet of stone, but as a living letter, boldly sharing the message of new life in Christ.