

# CHANGED LIVES



**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

“If you and your church were to disappear off the face of the earth tomorrow, would anyone in the community around you notice you were gone?” -Tim Keller

POINT: Changed lives change lives!

## 1. Signed (vs. 2-3a)

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:19

## 2. Sealed (vs. 2b-3a)

*“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.” Romans 8:9*

*“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,” Ephesians 1:13*

## 3. Delivered (vs. 3b-6)

New (*Kainos*)- Better, Superior, Renewed

Contrast of Covenants:

Stone >> Heart

Letter >> Stone

“The law slays but the Spirit saves.” -Johnny Hunt

“A legalistic ministry brings death. Preachers who major on rules and regulations keep their congregations under a dark cloud of guilt, and kills their joy, power, and effective witness for Christ. There never was a standard that could transform a person’s life, and that includes the Ten Commandments. Only the grace of God, ministered by the Spirit of God, can transform lost sinners into living epistles that glorify Jesus Christ.” -Warren Wiersbe

*“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” Ezekiel 36:26-27*

**STATEMENT:** We have been delivered to deliver.

“A good teacher does not write his message in ink that will fade. He writes it upon individuals.”  
–Plato

