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Letters

Some of my most cherished possessions are letters I have received from loved ones over the years. There are the letters from Steve addressed to "Blue Eyes" written while we were dating. There are the notes and special letters written to Mommy when Stephen and Katherine were little children. There are the letters from my ninety nine year old grandmother - the last one hard to read and not quite coherent but treasured all the more. There are the almost daily letters my now deceased dad wrote to his parents when he was just a boy drafted into the Army near the end of the Second World War. Grandmother saved each one and gave them to my mother who has passed some on to me. And there are the letters written by my Emmaus family that I pull out on occasion when I seem to need a little boost. These are all paper and pen letters. In our age of email, cell phones and almost instantaneous communication, old fashioned letters seem even more precious. There is, however, another kind of cherished letter.

2 Corinthians 3:3

You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

This is my prayer for you and for me - that we each live our life as a letter from Christ, a letter written with the Spirit of the living God. Ink may fade with time, but the Spirit of the living God will not. I also pray that through our ministry of Emmaus we may help others, too, become a letter from Christ. Isn't that how it works? Letters are read by others who in turn become letters from Christ themselves – letters not written on tablets of stone or even tablets of paper. Rather, letters from Christ written on tablets of human hearts.

What letter is the world reading in your life?

De Colores!

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