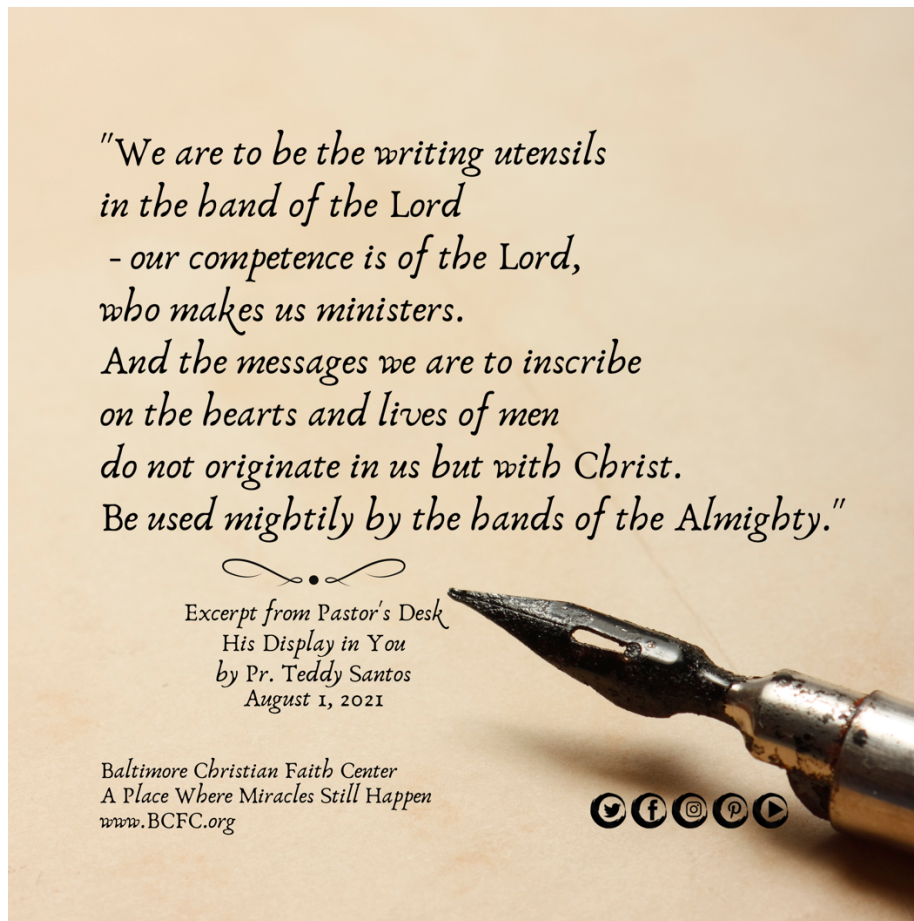


## HIS DISPLAY IN YOU

### Pastor's Desk – August 1, 2021



**2 Corinthians 3:3** *"clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart."*

Paul's life was made weary by the ongoing conflict of his enemies and critics, who sowed division in the churches which he had planted in Europe. Amongst others, they visited Corinth and challenged him to produce letters of commendation from the leaders of the Church. With justifiable irritation, he says: "Why should I carry notes when my converts, given me by the Lord, are circulating throughout, with the attesting signature of Christ upon them?" Indeed, they are a sufficient guarantee and proof that Paul had been commissioned and sent forth by the Lord Himself.

The Apostle Paul gave the response to an accurate and striking description of a Christian disciple. He is a sealed letter; the Writer and Author is the Lord Himself— "*an epistle of Christ*." The ink is "*the Spirit of the Living God*." The pen is the preacher or teacher of the Gospel, "*ministered by us*." The material is the life and heart— "*not on tablets of stone, but on hearts of flesh*."

Our life's message should resemble the great advertisements which can be read by all who pass by.

The excellence of quality letter-writing is conveying what the writer wants to say as plainly and concisely as possible. Let us make sure that the message of our lives is unmistakable, clear, concise.

We are to be the writing utensils in the hand of the Lord - our competence is of the Lord, who makes us ministers. And the messages we are to inscribe on the hearts and lives of men do not originate in us but with Christ. Be used mightily by the hands of the Almighty.

At His service,  
Pr. Teddy Santos