

## Deacon's Beacons

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Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:4–6

Anytime you embrace only the letter of something, you are going to fall short. It is the spirit of something that actually gives it meaning. An attorney may disagree but we are speaking of things deeper and greater than contracts. In fact, the passage formally claims the title of covenant. Covenant and contract are far different things. In a contract, it is always quid pro duo and those terms are usually equal. In a covenant, the terms are not equal at all. If we are in a covenant with God, how could we ever equal what He offers us? But we can adhere to the Spirit of that covenant by striving to do all that we can, not just what is required.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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