

New Testament Epistles

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II. The Apostle's Ministry (expanded)

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II Corinthians *Simplified* Outline

The Apostle Paul's Ministry

Chapters 1-7

The Collection for the Saints

Chapters 8-9

Paul's Defense of His Apostleship

Chapters 10-13

The Commendation of the Ministry

II Corinthians 3:1-5

...“begin again to commend ourselves?”

“epistles of commendation

to you . . . from you”

vv. 2-3

“You are our epistle . . . clearly an epistle of Christ”

--ministered by us

--written

-not with ink but by the Spirit

-not on stone tablets but on the heart

v. 5

Our sufficiency is “not . . . of ourselves”

but “our sufficiency is from God.”

The Basis of the Ministry: New Covenant

II Corinthians 3:6-18

v. 6 the letter and the Spirit
"the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

vv. 7-11

Old Covenant
Ministry of Death

v. 7

written, engraved on stones

had glory, which was
passing away

v. 9 Ministry of Condemnation
had glory

v. 10 (comparison)

(The glory of the gospel is so much more glorious than that of the law, it is as though the law had no glory at all.)

v. 11

passing away

New Covenant
Ministry of the Spirit

v. 8

written on the heart

much more glorious

Ministry of Righteousness
exceeds much more
in glory

remaining

The Basis of the Ministry: New Covenant

II Corinthians 3:6-18

(continued)

vv. 12-18 THEREFORE, . . .

Boldness

Blindness

Fading glory, veiled face

The veil remains

HOPE

Deity

Spiritual transformation

The Theme of the Ministry

II Corinthians 4:1-7

(The veil motif continues)

**For we do not preach ourselves, but

CHRIST JESUS THE LORD. V. 5

- v. 1 We don't lose heart, are not discouraged
- v. 2 We are genuine, authentic, not duplicitous
- vv. 3-4 The veiling of the gospel
The blindness of those who are perishing
- v. 5 The THEME of our ministry
- v. 6 The CREATOR of life, physical and spiritual
- v. 7 Marvelous Wonder

The Trials of the Ministry

II Corinthians 4:8-18

vv. 8-10 A Multitude of Trials

Pressed but not crushed

Perplexed but not in despair

Persecuted but not deserted

Knocked down but not knocked out

--Hit from every side

--Continual occurrences

PURPOSE in the trials: vv. 10-11

vv. 12-15 Paul's confidence in God's Word

Results