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(The MacArthur Study Bible)
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The Commendation of the Ministry
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...”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.”
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v. 6 the letter and the Spirit
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v. 9 Ministry of Condemnation
had glory

Ministry of Righteousness
exceeds much more in 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 remaining
vv. 12-18    THEREFORE, . . .

Boldness

Blindness

Fading glory, veiled face

The veil remains

HOPE

Deity

Spiritual transformation
For we do not preach ourselves, but CHRIST JESUS THE LORD. V. 5

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  Pressed but not crushed

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  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

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