

An Outline of 2 Corinthians

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**Introduction – 1:1–2*

- I. Paul's Opening Arguments Concerning His Apostleship (1:3–2:11)
 - A. You have underappreciated God's comfort (1:3–7).
 - B. You have underestimated God's faithfulness (1:8–11).
 - C. You know the integrity of our previous ministry to you (1:12–14).
 - D. You have misunderstood our change in travel plans (1:15–2:4).
 - E. You have proven the value of our original counsel to you (2:5–11).
- II. Paul's Personal Appeal to Accept Him (2:12–17)
- III. Paul's Defense of His New Covenant Ministry (3:1–7:16)
 - A. The Nature of New Covenant Ministry (3:1–4:6)
 - 1. It brings real fruit (3:1–6).
 - 2. It excels the old covenant (3:7–11).
 - 3. It comes simply and brings transformation (3:12–18).
 - 4. It uncovers God's glory (4:1–6).
 - B. The Realities of New Covenant Ministry (4:7–12)
 - 1. Paul experiences human weakness (4:7).
 - 2. Paul faces trouble (4:8–9).
 - 3. Death works in Paul (4:10–12).
 - C. The Foundation of New Covenant Ministry (4:13)
 - D. The Motivations of New Covenant Ministry (4:14–5:15)
 - 1. God's glory is Paul's primary concern (4:14–15).
 - 2. Earthly suffering is only temporary (4:16–18).
 - 3. Future experience in glory is certain (5:1–8).
 - 4. Paul's relationship with God motivates him to pursue others (5:9–15).
 - E. The Goals of New Covenant Ministry (5:16–7:16)
 - 1. Goal 1: Reconciliation with God (5:16–6:13)
 - 2. Goal 2: Separation from ungodliness (6:14–7:1)
 - 3. Goal 3: Mutual joy for God's people (7:2–16)
- IV. Paul's Call to Give (8:1–9:15)
- V. Paul's Repudiation of Corinthian Rebels (10:1–13:9)

**Conclusion – 13:10–13*

