

2 Corinthians Outline

- I. Introduction (1:1-11)

- II. Explanation of Paul's Recent Actions (1:12-2:13)
 - A. The basis for Paul's behavior and an appeal for understanding (1:12-1:14)
 - B. The reason why Paul changed his plans (1:15-2:2)
 - C. The purpose of the tearful letter (2:3-11)
 - D. The reason why Paul moved from Troas to Macedonia (2:12-13)

- III. Illumination of Paul's Apostolic Ministry (2:14-5:21)
 - A. The source and character of apostolic ministry (2:14-3:6a)
 - B. The message of apostolic ministry (3:6b-4:6)
 - C. Treasures in jars of clay (4:7-5:10)
 - D. The ministry of reconciliation (5:11-21)

IV. Appeal to the Corinthian Church (6:1-13:10)

A. Appeal for thorough reconciliation (6:1-7:4)

B. Joy at the Corinthians' repentance (7:5-16)

C. Appeal for the Jerusalem collection (8:1-9:15)

D. Appeal for submission to apostolic authority (10:1-18)

E. Boasting "as a fool" (11:1-12:13)

F. Preparations for a third visit (12:14-13:10)