

## OUTLINE OF 2 CORINTHIANS

### 1A THE DEFENSE OF PAUL'S MINISTERIAL CONDUCT chap 1-7

1B Paul explains his change in travel plans chap 1:1-2:2

2B Paul explains his motives for writing 1 Corinthians chap 2:3-16

3B Paul explains his integrity in preaching the word of God chap 3:1-4:7

4B Paul explains his attitude under suffering chap 4:8-5:11

5B Paul explains his ministerial self-denial chap 5:12-7:1

6B Paul explains his integrity toward the Corinthians chap 7:2-7:16

Note: in chapters 1-7, Paul is saying: Here is how I behaved, here is why I did the things I did, and here is what I was thinking.

### 2A THE DECLARATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF GIVING chap 8-9

1B The example of the giving of the Macedonian churches chap 8:1-5

2B The exhortation to give delivered to the Corinthian church chap 8:6-9:15

### 3A THE DEFENSE OF PAUL'S MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS chap 10-13

Note: Not only did Paul's enemies attack his character and conduct, which he addressed in chapters 1-7, they also attacked his legitimacy as an apostle.

1B Paul describes the attack on his ministerial credentials chap 10

2B Paul repudiates the attack on his ministerial credentials chap 11-13

1C His sufferings for Christ establish his credentials chap 11

2C His revelations from Christ established his credentials chap 12:1-11

3C The miracles he did established his credentials chap 12:12-21

4C His apostolic authority will be exercised chap 13

THEME: Paul passionately defends himself from false accusations by false teachers who have attacked his conduct, credibility, and credentials in the Corinthian church.

Key verse: 2 Corinthians 12:11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.