



# Welcome to a **Triumphant Ministry**

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## **Our Credentials** (as ministers of the new covenant, vs 6)

**2 Corinthians 3:1** Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you?

<sup>2</sup> You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

<sup>3</sup> being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup> And such confidence we have through Christ toward God.

## **Our Adequacy** (as ministers of the new covenant, vs 6)

<sup>5</sup> Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

<sup>6</sup> who also made us adequate as **servants (ministers) of a new covenant**, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

## **Our Ministry** (as ministers of the new covenant, vs 6)

### A. A Glorious Ministry (Verses 7-11)

### B. A Life-giving Ministry (Verses 7-8)

### C. A Justifying Ministry (Verse 9)

<sup>7</sup> But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,

<sup>8</sup> how shall the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?

<sup>9</sup> For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

<sup>10</sup> For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory on account of the glory that surpasses *it*.

<sup>11</sup> For if that which fades away *was* with glory, much more that which remains *is* in glory.

### D. A Liberating Ministry

<sup>12</sup> Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech,

<sup>13</sup> and *are* not as Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

<sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.

<sup>15</sup> But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

<sup>16</sup> but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.

### E. A Transforming Ministry

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

# Our Fortitude

Our Fortitude is a result of...

A. being e\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore**, since we have this ministry,

B. experiencing m\_\_\_\_\_

as we received mercy, **we do not lose heart**,

C. living the t\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup> but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

D. understanding the b\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

<sup>4</sup> in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

E. focusing on Jesus as L\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

F. experiencing the g\_\_\_\_\_ of God

<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

G. h\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;

H. understanding that God uses physical a\_\_\_\_\_ to reveal spiritual life and power

<sup>8</sup> *we are* afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;

<sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

<sup>10</sup> always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

<sup>11</sup> For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

<sup>12</sup> So death works in us, but life in you.

I. t\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup> But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore also we speak;

J. remembering our coming r\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup> knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

K. focusing on the w\_\_\_\_\_ of others

<sup>15</sup> For all things *are* for your sakes,

L. focusing on the g\_\_\_\_\_ of God

that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

M. knowing God uses affliction to g\_\_\_\_\_ us

<sup>16</sup> **Therefore we do not lose heart**, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

N. considering the e\_\_\_\_\_ benefit of affliction

<sup>17</sup> For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

O. seeing with s\_\_\_\_\_ sight

<sup>18</sup> while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.