



Welcome to a **Triumphant Ministry**

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

2 Corinthians 3:1-4

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

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

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

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

- A. A Glorious Ministry (Verses 7-11)
- B. A Life-giving Ministry (Verses 7-8)
- C. A Justifying Ministry (Verse 9)
- D. A Liberating Ministry
- E. A Transforming Ministry

Our Fortitude

Our Fortitude is a result of...

A. being entrusted

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

B. experiencing mercy

as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,

C. living the truth

² 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 battle

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
⁴ 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 Lord

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

F. experiencing the glory of God

⁶ 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. humility

⁷ 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 affliction to reveal spiritual life and power

⁸ *we are* afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;
⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
¹¹ 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.
¹² So death works in us, but life in you.

I. trusting

¹³ 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_____

¹⁴ 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

¹⁵ 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

¹⁶ **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

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

O. seeing with s_____ sight

¹⁸ 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.

Our Future

Our future includes...

A. a new b_____

2 Corinthians 5 :1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

²For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven;

³inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

⁴For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

B. going h_____

⁵Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

⁶Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight—

⁸we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

C. r_____

⁹Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.