**Outline of II Corinthians**

I. Greeting & Thanksgiving (1:1-11)

II. Defense of Apostleship: Answering the Critics’ Charges (1:12–7:16)

A. The Defense of Paul’s Conduct (1:12–2:13)

1. Explanation of Altered Plans (1:12–2:4)

2. The Forgiveness of the Offending Brother (2:5-11)

3. Missing Titus in Troas (2:12-13)

B. The Nature of a True Apostleship (2:14–7:16)

1. The Glory of the Ministry (2:14–4:6)

2. The Frailty of the Ministers (4:7–5:10)

3. The Message of Reconciliation (5:11–6:10)

4. Paul’s Appeal to the Corinthians (6:11–7:4)

5. Meeting Titus in Macedonia (7:5-16)

III. Exhortation to Give: Collection for Believers in Jerusalem (8:1–9:15)

A. The Necessity for Generosity (8:1-15)

B. The Mission of Titus to Corinth (8:16–9:5)

C. The Results of Generosity (9:6-15)

IV. Affirmation of Apostolic Authority (10:1–13:10)

A. In Spite of an Unimpressive Appearance (10:1-11)

B. Boasting Only in the Lord (10:12-18)

C. Vindication of Authenticity of Paul’s Apostleship (11:1–12:13)

D. The Planned Third Visit (12:14–13:10)

V. Final Exhortation and Greetings (13:11-14)

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*Next Week: Class 13 -- Overview of* ***Philippians***

***Core Seminars—New Testament***

**Class 12: 2 Corinthians:**

 **The Weakness of the Kingdom**

2 Cor. 12:9: *My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

**I. Background**

**II. Purposes**

* To address **public** **conduct** of the Corinthians
* To respond to **personal criticism** against Paul
* To expresss **practical concern** for believers in Jerusalem

**III. Themes of 2 Corinthians**

 **A. Kingdom Apostles Display God’s Power in Weakness**

* *Critiques of Paul:*

--Paul was **fickle** (1:17)

--Paul was **harsh** (2:7-8)

--Paul lacked **credentials** (3:1-2)

* *Characteristics of true Kingdom ministry:*

1. The glory of Kingdom ministry = **The Gospel** (2:14-17)

2. The power for Kingdom ministry = **God’s grace** (3:4-6)

3. The focus of Kingdom ministry = **Jesus Christ** (4:5-6)

4. The concern of Kingdom ministry = **The heart** (4:16-18)

5. The agent of Kingdom ministry = **God** (5:20-21)

6. The result of Kingdom ministry = **Changed lives** (6:14, 7:1)

* *Chapters 10-12: Weak Apostles Vs. “Super-Apostles”*

**B. Kingdom Citizens Display God’s Generosity in Weakness**

* *Give sacrifically, like Jesus (8:9)*
* *Give generously, like the Macedonians (8:2-4)*
* *Give cheerfully, relying on God’s grace (9:7-9)*

**C. Kingdom Churches Display God’s Grace in Weakness**

* *A passion for weakness (12:8-10)*
* *A passion for the Gospel (5:14-15, 18-21)*
* *A passion for repentance (7:8-13)*