

# Our Sufficiency is from God

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:1-6

(series #9)

**Intro:** Paul's awkwardness in having to defend himself  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:16-23; 12:11

## I. The Issue of Apostolic Credentials vv. 1-3

- A. Did Paul need to introduce himself? v. 1
  
- B. The Corinthians were Paul's letter v. 2  
- Acts 18:8
  
- C. The Corinthians as an epistle of Christ v. 3
  - 1. Ezekiel 36:26
  - 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:5
  - 3. Romans 1:16
  - 4. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-5

## II. Paul's Confidence and Sufficiency vv. 4-6

- A. He was confident in divine provision v. 4  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:2
  
- B. He was sufficient in God v. 5
  - 1. Paul's message was divine revelation  
- Galatians 1:11-12
  - 2. Paul's strength was from the Lord
    - a. Philippians 4:13
    - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17
  
- C. He was a servant of the new covenant v. 6
  - 1. Jesus fulfilled the old and inaugurated the new - Luke 22:20
  
  - 2. We are under the new covenant today

**Conclusion:** Have you been transformed by the gospel?