

C. The reconciliation: The exercise of apostolic authority in behalf of the welfare of the Christian community.

1:8-24..Paul's motives and integrity

- 2 The letter of tears and its consequences
- 3 The excellency of Paul's ministry as the ways of the New Covenant are matched with the Old.
4. The treasure that is ours and how it affects life and its values.
5. The new creation and the ministry accorded us
6. The example and challenge of purity
7. The renewed community (7:2-16)

The reconciliation has been accomplished as the grief has been felt, a repentent attitude acted upon, a restoration of confidence accomplished... "all confidence" is now possible.

D. Benevolence

8. Promising and doing
9. Liberality in sharing

E. Apostleship defence

10. Paul's person and preaching: consistency
11. Paul's purpose and service to the Corinthian community
12. Paul's personal testimony, witness and strength

F. Conclusion (13:5-14)

"Be careful and I love you."

Content by chapters is a bit shaky. The chapter divisions are not divinely inspired. But it is a convenient tree on which to hang the ornaments--or something like that. And it does allow us a certain specificity for orderly thought.