

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Key Words: Adequate – acceptable, suitable, satisfactory
Sufficient – appropriate, necessary, enough
Trust – confidence, care, faith, able
Covenant – treaty, agreement, pledge

Introduction:

- Paul speaking to the Corinthian Disciples of a variety of topics important to church.
- Paul reminded them that they are Christ's book, that others read 2 Cor 3:1-3

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Context: Paul had been teaching them through a number of letters how they should live with one another and how to be a church body that was empowered by the Holy Spirit for service with gifts and abilities that are not found in them but in Christ Jesus.

Key words: Adequate (KJB) and sufficient (NKJB)
Trust – confidence, care, faith, able

Paul wants the believers to see that in Christ that had all that they need to be adequate for God comes by the Holy Spirit dwelling in them.

Big Idea: We will look at 5 areas of how through the Holy Spirit, we can and are sufficient and adequate in God to do, what He desires for our lives here on earth.

Outline:

"TRUST" confidence, care, faith, able – not in our understanding but in His wisdom and understanding Trust needs to be the centre of all that we think and do.

I Trust in Christ sufficiency v.4

- He leads us to God – he is the way truth and life (John 14:6)
- Christ is our Mediator – the bridge between ourselves and the heavenly Father
- challenges build trust and faith in God
- Christ is sufficient – focus on Christ

II Trust not in our sufficiency v.5

- Our thinking is weak and worldly
- We don't have what it takes to get the job done by ourselves
- We fall short

III Trust in God's sufficiency v.5

- Through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – each working in and through us.
- God is able to do all things above and beyond our ability or strength
- We are made complete in Him (Col 2:10)
- God has a plan and purpose and He is working it out in your life (Phil 1:6)

IV Trust that we are sufficient to minister v.6

- Ministry same word as service, what you do
- We have the New Covenant in Christ Jesus
- We do not minister in our ability but in His ability (1 Pet 4:11)
- We are servants to the Lord of lords and the King of kings
- Communion **reminds us** of the New Covenant that Christ made with us (1 Cor 11:23-26).

V Trust in the sufficiency of the Holy Spirit v. 6

- He empowers / anoints (2 Cor 1:20-22)
- He teaches (1 Cor 2:13)
- He comforts (John 14:16, 15:26)
- remember the letter kills – the law man could not fulfill (Old Testament)
- Christ fulfilled the requirements of the law and then sent the Holy Spirit to give us life.
- We serve a living and anointed (Christ) Saviour

Conclusion:

- Review the 5 main points
- Knowing that we are adequate and sufficient in all things. Christ is our strength and our strong tower.
- Christ is sufficient for all that we need but our desires and flesh want more.
- Communion reminds us that Christ is sufficient in all areas and all our needs.
- Solomon reminds us to trust in the Lord with all thin heart. (Prov 3:5-6)
- We need to clearly see and understand who we are in Christ Jesus and that “all things are possible through Him” (Matt 19:26). How, because the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, has made us **adequate** and **sufficient** in all things.