

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 “Now Is The Accepted Time”

**1** We then, as workers together **with Him** also plead with you not to receive **the grace of God** in vain.

**2** For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation.

- **“with Him” (in italics) – added to give context, not in original texts**
  - **Not a correct idea**
    - **God never needs us to help Him** – but we have the distinct privilege of being gifted to work as He did.
    - Man’s work is never on an equal par with God’s work.
    - Man’s words are never on an equal power as God’s Word.  
**John 3:30** He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

**Isaiah 49:8** Thus says the LORD: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;

- **Yesterday’s grace is insufficient for today**
- **Yesterday’s anointing is already spent before today**
- **Devil always says – “tomorrow”**
- **Jesus says – “Today!”**
  - **Today, God’s grace is waiting for you**
  - **Today, God’s salvation is waiting for you**
  - **This very hour the Lord is waiting to heal you of your eternal sin disease.**

**1 Peter 2:24** by whose stripes you were healed.

**Galatians 2:21** I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

- **God’s grace opposes all attempts for glory through our deeds**
- **God’s grace cannot stand alongside man’s attempts to make himself holy.**
- **What exactly is accomplished in holiness by man’s efforts?**

**3** We give no offense **in anything**, that our ministry may not be blamed.

- **What I do in public could bring discredit to:**
  - **Christ Jesus**
  - **Berry Family**

- **Calvary Chapel**

**1 Corinthians 9:27** But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become **disqualified**.

**2 Corinthians 13:5-7**

**5** Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are **disqualified**.

**6** But I trust that you will know that we are not **disqualified**.

**7** Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem **disqualified**.

**Titus 1:16** They profess to know God, **but in works they deny Him**, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

**4** But **in all things** we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,  
**5** in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;  
**6** by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,  
**7** by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,  
**8** by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;  
**9** as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;  
**10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

- **This is the ministry – in short summation**
  - **These issues certainly could solicit fleshly reactions.**
    - **To whom do we belong?**
    - **Who do we represent?**
    - **Am I disqualified from ministry?**
    - **How do I stay qualified?**