

## 2 CORINTHIANS LESSON 10

### Chapter 6:1-2, NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME FOR SALVATION

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**Vs 1** “We then...” “Then,” on the basis of our ambassadorship, representing the Lord on Earth, “As workers together with Him.” This is a twofold blessing:

1. We work together in the body of Christ. We are not working for God without any help.
2. We are working together with the Lord. He has not left us nor forsaken us (Heb. 13:5).

“We...beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.”

- Salvation is given freely by God to anyone who will repent and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior (Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, 2 Tim 1:9).
- Once saved, God does not want us to waste the salvation that He gave us.
  - Every passage in the New Testament that speaks of salvation by grace also speaks of doing good works (in the context) now that you are saved.
- If you have received the grace of God (vs 1), show God that it was worth saving you by living your life for Him. Don't let it be vain (useless).

**Vs 2** God has heard us “in a time accepted.” That time is “the day of salvation.” At that time God “succoured thee.” “Succour” means to help, to run to the aid of another. When God heard you, he ran to your rescue and saved you.

“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

- We may debate about how people were saved before the Law, during the Law, or how people will be saved during the Tribulation and in the Millennial Kingdom.
- There can be no debate about how men and women are saved today. Now is the day of salvation. That salvation is by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8, Rom. 10:13, 17, 1 Cor. 15:1-4, Acts 4:12).

**Job 17:13** DON'T WAIT. You may not live another day to be saved “later.”

- You're not promised a tomorrow. Life is fleeting (James 1:10, 24, 4:14, Job 7:6, 9:25-26, 14:1-2, Psa. 89:47).
- Jesus said, “**Ye must be born again**” (John 3:7). Is there a day when you called upon Jesus Christ to save you from your sins? Did you trust Jesus to save you by His grace?
  - Salvation is not by works, not by church membership, not by baptism, not by sacraments, not by reform, not by doing your best, or earning it any other way.

**2 Cor. 5:19** God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

**1 Cor. 5:21** God made Jesus Christ “**who knew no sin**” “**to be sin for us**” “**that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**”

- You can't get saved by your own righteousness.
- You can get saved by receiving the righteousness of Jesus Christ and thereby have access to everlasting life.