

## THE DAY/TIME OF SALVATION

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### INTRODUCTION

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1. Quick review of Corinth and the letter's Paul has written.
  2. The conditions that have developed in the church since Paul left.
  3. The effect it was having, not only on them, but also on the world. Those around them that were outside of Christ.
  4. Will close with the danger of getting involved in world and with the things of the world. A list to be given.
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### BY GRACE OF GOD

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- A. We Are Saved By the Grace of God.
    1. Eph. 2:8
    2. Rom. 5:2; Titus 2:11, etc.
  - B. WHAT IS THE GRACE OF GOD?
    1. Unmerited Favor.
    2. It is all that God has done for us...The gift of Christ...The coming of a Savior. (Matt. 1:18-20.."God with us")
  - C. "Now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" v.3.
    1. Way we sometimes use this verse, when we extend the invitation.
    2. That is true, but in context it has a larger meaning.
  - D. How does Paul use it here?
    1. Compare.....John 4:35....Jesus..."the fields are white already unto harvest".
    2. Both here in 2 Cor. 6, and John 4...The lesson is that GOD has made all preparation for the Salvation of man, and NOW, this AGE is the time and opportunity for man to be saved.
    3. **THIS IS THE GRACE OF GOD!**
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### OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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- A. BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE:
- B. **POSITIVE:**
  1. "Lift up your eyes..." Jesus
  2. "Our mouth is open unto you" Paul to Corinthians
  3. "Our heart is enlarged.
  4. Great Commission

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### **Our Responsibility, Cont.**

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#### **C. NEGATIVE:**

1. "Giving no occasion of stumbling" A danger at Corinth. And today.
  2. Some were living in such a way, as to turn people away from Christianity, and the Grace of God...Thus from Salvation.
  3. There are people who will be glad of any excuse not to listen to the Gospel.
  4. We need to follow Paul's example.
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### **OUR OPPOSITION**

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#### **A. MANY TRIALS THAT THE SERVANT OF GOD MUST ENDURE:**

#### **B. Paul lists nine here, under 3 headings.**

1. **Afflictions :** From without
  - a. Pressure, mental and spiritual.
  - b. Hardships.
2. **Hardships caused by others:**
  - a. Beatings
  - b. Imprisonments
  - c. Tumults, etc.
3. **Hardships Paul accepted:**
  - a. Labor
  - b. Fatigue
  - c. Hunger
  - d. Sleepless nights.

#### **C. Spiritual qualities which enable us to endure triumphantly.**

1. Purity, Moral life.
2. Knowledge
3. Forbearance
4. Kindness love unfeigned.

#### **D. So much depends on our success:**

1. Our soul
  2. Their souls
  3. **ETERNITY**
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### THEREFORE

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- A. "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers" v. 14
1. Not addressing the subject of marriage.
  2. Though it could certainly be included.
  3. Yoked means ...to be joined together"
- B. NOTICE THE LIST OF CONTRASTS:
- What concord has..... CHRIST with Belieal or idols
- What fellowship has ..... RIGHTEOUSNESS with Iniquity
- What communion has ..... LIGHT with Darkness
- What portion has .....BELIEVERS with Unbelievers
- What agreement has .....TEMPLE OF GOD with Idols.
- C. A Christian Cannot Be Yoked To/or Joined in any activity that is wrong!
- D. To be yoked to any of these would destroy the Christian, and brake being yoked with Christ (Matt. 11:28-30)
- E. The Corinthians were trying to hold onto **Both Sides**.
1. "You cannot serve two maters" (Matt. 6:24)
  2. Contest on Mt. Carmel. (I Kings 18).

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### AND GOD SAID.....

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- A. Now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of Salvation"
1. "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate" v. 17-18
  2. "Touch no unclean thing"
- B. "I will be your God - and ye shall be my people"
- "Ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty"
- C. ARE YOU READY TO SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE THINGS OF THE WORLD AND COME AND FOLLOW CHRIST?
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