

2 Corinthians 06 - Paul the Evangelist; Paul the Example; Unequally Yoked

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1 Since, then, we are working with God, we plead with you not to accept God's grace in vain.

1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

- What have you done with your salvation? The law of God made heavy demands. The grace of God makes even bigger demands. Has God invited you into the arena? Are you watching for your risen Lord to invade your circumstances and invite you to be a fellow worker with Him?

2 for He says, "AT A FAVORABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON A DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU." Behold, now is "A FAVORABLE TIME," behold, now is "A DAY OF SALVATION"—

2 for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"—
2 For he says, "At the right time I heard you, and on a day of salvation I helped you." Listen, now is really the "right time"! Now is the "day of salvation"!

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

(b) Need not to give offense (6:3)

3 giving no reason for *taking* offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited,

3 giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited,

3 We do not put an obstacle in anyone's way. Otherwise, fault may be found with our ministry.

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

- One of the greatest obstacles to the progress of the Gospel is the bad example of people who profess to be Christians. Paul was careful never to be a stumbling block (Rom 14). Keep your pathways uncluttered.

(c) What Paul endured (6:4-5)

4 but in everything commanding ourselves as servants of God, in much **endurance**, in **afflictions**, in **hardships**, in **difficulties**,

4 but in everything commanding ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

4 Instead, in every way we demonstrate that we are God's servants by tremendous endurance in the midst of difficulties, hardships, and calamities;

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

- Here are nine conditions of testing.

- "...endurance" - *hupomonee* (32x in NT), patience; an active response to circumstances (James 1:2-4)

- "...afflictions" - trials under pressure

- "...hardships" - everyday hardships

- "...difficulties" - experiences that pushes us into corners where there seems to be no escape

5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in mob attacks, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,

5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,

5 in beatings, imprisonments, and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger;

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

(d) Graces God produced in Paul as a result of these trials (6:6-7)

6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,

6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,

6 with purity, knowledge, patience, and kindness; with the Holy Spirit, genuine love,

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 in the word of truth, *and* in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

7 truthful speech, and divine power; through the weapons of righteousness in the right and left hands;

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

(e) God's opinion versus man's opinion (6:8-10)

8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers and yet true;

8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers and yet true;

8 through honor and dishonor; through ill repute and good repute; perceived as deceivers and yet true,

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 as unknown and *yet* well known, as dying and *yet* behold, we are alive; as punished and *yet* not put to death,

9 as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death,

9 as unknown and yet well-known, as dying and yet—as you see—very much alive, as punished and yet not killed,

9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and *yet* possessing all things.

10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

10 as sorrowful and yet always rejoicing, as poor and yet enriching many, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

(4) Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to restore their confidence in him (6:11—7:16)

(A) Appeal (6:11—7:4)

(a) Appeal stated (6:11-13)

11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, you Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

11 We have spoken frankly to you, Corinthians. Our hearts are wide open.

11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.

12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.

12 We have not cut you off, but you have cut off your own feelings toward us.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

13 Now in the same way in exchange—I am speaking as to children—open wide *your hearts to us*, you as well.

13 Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide *to us* also.

13 Do us a favor—I ask you as my children—and open wide your hearts.

13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.

(b) The admonition to separate from the Judaizers (6:14—7:1)

14 Do not be mismatched with unbelievers; for what do righteousness and lawlessness share together, or what does light have in common with darkness?

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

14 Stop becoming unevenly yoked with unbelievers. What partnership can righteousness have with lawlessness? What fellowship can light have with darkness?

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 Or what harmony does Christ have with Belial, or what does a believer share with an unbeliever?

15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

15 What harmony exists between the Messiah and Beliar, or what do a believer and an unbeliever have in common?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 Or what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL AMONG THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

16 What agreement can a temple of God make with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, just as God said: "I will live and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

17 "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you.

17 Therefore, "Get away from them and separate yourselves from them," declares the Lord, "and don't touch anything unclean. Then I will welcome you.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

18 "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

18 "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

18 I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters," declares the Lord Almighty.

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.