



ENTRUSTED WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Entrusted With a Favorable Time

¹ Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

*“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”*

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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The message of the cross makes this a favorable time.

1) We must not receive the grace of God in _____ . 6:1-2

2) We must have great _____ . 6:3-10

3) We must have _____ that are open. 6:11-13

So What?

How are you choosing to live in this favorable time?

Next week we will continue in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2.
