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**Title: Do not receive the grace of God in
vain**

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We are co-laborers with God, Paul writes (2 Corinthians 6:1). We are working together with Him. Sound familiar? 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Grace is by definition undeserved. You can't do anything to justify what God has done for us. What you can do is point the salvation we have now in Christ alone.

What does it mean to possibly receive the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:2)? Instead of enjoying reconciliation in Christ, you seek to adhere to the old law or your works, or anything else.

**Paul mentioned this concept before: 1
Corinthians 3:3-11**

**Paul and Barnabas dealt with people
who refused to believe in Christ: Acts
13:36-46**

The grace of God is tied directly in our context to that reconciliation that all believers enjoy, but some in the Corinthian church apparently did not fully grasp that.

Paul talked about not receiving the grace of God and other concepts in vain.

- **1 Corinthians 15:7-10**
- **Philippians 2:12-16**

**Paul had to battle Judaizers preaching a
gospel of works: 2 Corinthians 11:1-4,
Galatians 5:1-4**

**Paul's point is that the day of salvation
is upon us by quoting an Old Testament
passage in 1 Corinthians 6:2. Praise
God that it is!**

**The time (day) of salvation has arrived,
and those hearing should heed: Isaiah
49:8**

**The time (day) of salvation has arrived,
and those hearing should heed: Luke
4:16-21, Luke 19:37-44**

Our plea should be as Paul's was: that people believe on the Lord Jesus Christ now. They should not wait, because the time is short.

**We should pray that people not be
hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**

**They should instead be partakers of
Christ: Psalm 95:1-11; Hebrews 3:7-15**

God has a certain amount of grace on those who are alive. He overlooked to an extent past ignorance: Acts 17:29-32

***Jesus Christ is coming back**

**Does the Lord's grace run out? No, but
a person's life will come to an end. We
don't when it will, so they should not
wait and we should not either.**

**There's a precedent, of course:
Jeremiah 7:16-20; Hosea 5:6-15**

**The people of the Earth were wicked
such that the Lord destroyed all but a
few: Genesis 6:1-11**

The day of salvation is here, which should compel us to be forthright in sharing the gospel. Life is fleeting, after all, and once it ends, an unbeliever does not have the same opportunity.

**Take the opportunities we have, while
we have them. The field is ripe, per se,
for harvest: John 4:34-39**

**Take the opportunities we have, while
we have them. Night is coming when no
man can work: John 9:1-4**

**Take the opportunities we have, while
we have them. Our lives present an
opportunity for us to do good to all
people: Galatians 6:7-10**

The author of Hebrews understood the weight of disobedience where the gospel is concerned. Do not neglect such a great salvation: Hebrews 2:1-4

**God was graceful in providing His Son
who reconciled us to Him. To receive
that grace in vain is to cling to anything
else other than His Son.**

**We and all people should compel others
to respond to God's grace while they
still have the chance. Now is the day of
salvation — let us rejoice and be glad in
it.**