

Sermon Notes | 2 Corinthians 6

I. Grace Claims Our Response. v 1-10.

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the **grace** of God in **vain**. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God **we commend ourselves** in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

II. Grace Claims Our Heart.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

III. Grace Claims Our Allegiance.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Do Not be Unequally Yoked with Unbelievers

Paul's Comparison	Fundamental Difference	At the Heart of It
Righteousness vs. Lawlessness	What is right and wrong	Different values
Light vs. Darkness	How reality is understood	Different worldviews
Christ vs. Belial	Who is Lord	Different masters
Believer vs. Unbeliever	Who we belong to	Different identities
Temple of God vs. Idols	What we worship	Different allegiances

Grace brought you into fellowship with Christ; don't bind yourself to influences that draw you away from Him.

Big Idea: The Grace That Saves Us Also Claims Us.

- How have you responded to the Gospel?
- What level of affection do you have for the Lord and His people?
- What allegiances do you need to change?

Discussion Questions | 2 Corinthians 6

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:1–10

- How have you responded to the grace of God?
- What obstacles have been put in your way?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:11–13

- Where are your heart and affections toward God and His people right now?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14–18

- What allegiances are you tempted to have with non-Christians?
- What is one thing God is calling you to do this month because His grace claims you?