

# 2 Corinthians – Chapter 6



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**Purpose:** for the Corinthians to rebuild trust in Paul as God's Apostle

**Theme:** Strength in weakness

## God's Grace, Our Response

*Read 6:1-2*

- † Verse 5:21 is a great Gospel verse. What does verse 1 urge?
- † How might someone, “receive the grace of God in vain”? (vs 1)
- † What Bible verses are quoted in verse 2?
  - See Isaiah 49:8; Psalm 95:7-8; Hebrews 4:7
- † How is verse 2 a warning and a blessing?

## Trust Me

*Read 6:3-10*

- † In today's world, what behaviors from church leaders might give others reason to stumble? (vs 3)
- † Consider the challenges of missionary work. Cross cultural relationships create many opportunities to offend or misunderstand. Name some.
- † What does “commend ourselves” mean? (vs 4)
- † It is difficult to relate our Christian lives with verses 4-5, but how can they inspire us?
- † Where else does Paul use similar language to verses 6-7?
  - See Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 6:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- † Why is it so important to defend the ministry of the Apostles?

## Open Your Hearts

*Read 6:11-13*

- † When you welcome a friend with an “open heart,” what does that mean?
- † Are all the Corinthians withholding affection? (vs 12)
- † How is Paul's approach similar to the way God works? (vss 11-13)

## The Temple

*Read 6:14-18*

- † What happens when two different kinds of animals are yoked and pulling?
- † What Old Testament commands give examples of negative association? What is the intention behind these commands?
  - See Leviticus 19:19; Deuteronomy 22:10
- † What implications does verse 14 have for our own Christian lives?
- † To rephrase verse 15, “what symphony does Christ have with the devil, what portion do those of faith share with those with no faith?” What is Paul’s point?
- † Where else does Paul assert that we are a temple of God?
  - See 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19
- † How might we defile our (the Lord’s) temple?
- † In referring to multiple Old Testament texts and promises, how do verses 16-18 summarize God’s grace and our response?