

## ***Both Now and Forevermore!***

Isaiah 49:8 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this:*

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5:8

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.* Luke 15:18

**Isaiah says 'the reviled Servant will be REVERED by all.'**

*This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor  
I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you*

**Paul proclaims NEW LIFE for all in the Servant, Christ.**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!*

**He removes us from the WRATH we deserve from God.**

*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through  
Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:  
that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,  
not counting men's sins against them.*

*And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

**And He gives divine PURPOSE to our lives.**

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,  
as though God were making his appeal through us.  
We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**We join in God's worthy WORK of reconciliation,**

*As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace  
in vain. For he says,*

*"In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.*

**The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of the Servant is NOW.**

*I tell you, now is the time of God's favor,  
now is the day of salvation.*

Without Christ, we're all ENEMIES of God

Jesus took on our sin so

we might take on his RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Reconciliation with God is not

achieved but simply RECEIVED.

**How do we make God's grace count?**

We give GRACE even as we have received it

We ask God to do in us

what we cannot do in OURSELVES.

We LIVE OUT the message of

reconciliation to God through Christ.