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~ 2 Corinthians 6:2 ~

There is an urgency in Paul's voice, a desperation in his preaching. He knew that he didn't have long and he was also aware that thousands, *millions*, were dying without the one thing they needed: Jesus.

And so in the middle of his 2nd letter to the congregation in Corinth, he quotes a well-known verse from Isaiah and concludes:

**“Now is the time of God’s favor,
now is the day of salvation.”**



Circle the number on the scale that most accurately represents the urgency you feel when it comes to introducing people to God's Word.



Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Cor. 5:14-15



Although might feel guilty about our lack of urgency to share the gospel with others, what is our ultimate comfort?

Why is it to our advantage that our comfort is also our message?

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.

2 Cor. 5:18-19



“Reconcile” is a relationship word. How would you define it?

Not only has our relationship with God been mended through Christ, Paul says that God has given us the “ministry of reconciliation” and the “message of reconciliation” to share with others. How are you uniquely qualified for this task?

Why would the Lord bother giving you such a large responsibility instead of entrusting it to angels or even taking on the work himself?

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Cor. 5:20



What is the role of an American ambassador to a foreign country?

What is your role as an ambassador of Christ?

In what way is most of the pressure taken off the shoulders of an ambassador?

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

2 Cor. 5:20



Sometimes this is called The Great Exchange. What is being exchanged here?

It is right after this section of 2nd Corinthians that Paul presents our theme for today: *“Now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”* Why shouldn’t we wait any longer to get those we know into contact with the one who was made “to be sin for us”?

What are some excuses that you make for not being Christ’s ambassador right now?

What are some ways you can introduce a person to their Savior without inviting them to a worship service at church?

It’s now or never. Why is that phrase more of a motivation than it is a guilt trip?