



God offers salvation to all people. Many people put off a decision for Christ, thinking that there will be a better time—but they could easily miss their opportunity altogether. There is no time like the present to receive God's forgiveness. Don't let anything hold you back from coming to Christ or coming *back* to Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read and meditate on [2nd Corinthians 6:1-2](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. How can we “[receive God's grace in vain](#)” ([2nd Corinthians 6:1](#)) or “[set aside the grace of God](#)” ([Galatians 2:19-21](#))? Paul implores those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to live up to their profession of faith in Jesus; not works, church, etc.
3. One extreme is to think that by *mere words* we receive God's grace. How can this be dangerous? (Hint: [Romans 10:9-13](#))
4. The other extreme is to believe that by “keeping the law” we will be saved (e.g. faith by works, church membership or baptism). How can this be dangerous? (Hint: [Ephesians 2:8-9](#))
5. If we have this mental picture of God looking for us as a shepherd would look for a lost sheep ([Matthew 18:10-14](#)), how can we receive God's gift of grace through faith, yet be “lost?” (Hint: read [2nd Corinthians 5:14-15](#), [Romans 6:6-14](#) & [Colossians 2:20](#))
6. See [Galatians 5:4-5](#). The correct path is this: *God's grace converts our hearts through faith (not works)*.
7. In [2nd Corinthians 6:2](#), Paul quotes [Isaiah 49:8](#) and understands Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled when God sent Jesus to earth to die for our sins (“[the day of salvation](#)”). However, many people put off making a decision to receive God's salvation. There will not be a more “[acceptable time](#)” than “[today](#)” to receive God's forgiveness and salvation for the first time. Nor is there a better day than today to return back to His fold. Talk to God now (Pray).

MOVING FORWARD

God is concerned about every Christ follower and will actively go in search of those who have “gone astray.” This means they have gotten out of a right relationship with Him, are heading toward false teaching, are heading down a dangerous path in life, or are falling into sin. If you've gone astray in any area of your life, ask *now* for God's forgiveness and guidance to get you back on track, and ask God to provide you with an accountability partner.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“² For He says: I heard you in an acceptable time, and I helped you in the day of salvation. Look, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.” [2nd Corinthians 6:2](#)