

Lesson 6

2 Corinthians 6:1-18

- **Questions**

1. Who was Paul working with and what did Paul urge the Corinthians not to do (6:1)?
2. What did Paul conclude concerning the OT scripture he referenced (6:2)?
3. What concern did Paul have toward his ministry that he wanted to defend (6:3-4)?
4. What nine negative activities did Paul experience during his ministry (6:4-5)?
5. What ten positive attitudes and actions did Paul maintain during his ministry (6:4a, 6-7)?
6. How did Paul describe the nine antithetical (opposite) experiences of his ministry (6:8-10)?
7. How did Paul describe his attitude toward the Corinthians (6:11)?
8. How did Paul describe the Corinthians attitude toward him and what did he want them to do (6:12-13)?
9. What did Paul tell the Corinthians to do regarding unbelievers (6:14)?

10. What are the five rhetorical questions that Paul asked in 6:14-16 regarding the Corinthians' relationship with the unbelieving culture around them?

11. What relationship do Christians have with God the Father that requires them to separate and have no fellowship with sin (6:16-18)?

12. What are the promises of God that he spoke to his children and what must they do to obtain these promises (6:16-18; see 7:1)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What connection does 6:1 have with 5:18-21? How does one receive "the grace of God in vain" (6:1)?

2. What OT scripture did Paul reference in 6:2 and what "day" is under discussion?

3. What OT scripture is alluded to in 6:14 with regard to unequal yoking? Does this verse forbid a Christian from marrying an unbeliever?

4. What do the following words, found in the KJV, mean: fellowship, communion, concord, part, and agreement (6:14-16)?

5. Who is Belial (6:15)?

6. How are Christians a “temple of the living God” and how does God dwell in Christians (6:16)?

7. What OT scriptures are referenced by Paul in 6:16-18?

• Applications for Today

1. The grace of God can be received in vain (6:1). How was God’s grace found in Paul (1 Cor. 15:10)? What can a Christian do with God’s grace (Gal. 5:4)? What else can a Christian do in vain (1 Cor. 15:1-2)?

2. Salvation needs to be received today, not put off (6:2). Who procrastinated concerning his salvation (Acts 24:25)?

3. Christians need to serve Christ in a blameless way (6:3). Who are to be found blameless (Phil. 2:15; 1 Tim. 3:10; Tit. 1:6-7)? When are Christians to be found blameless (1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Pet. 3:14)?

4. The Christians’ service to Christ will come with both hardships and rewards (6:4-10). How are Christians to handle their afflictions (1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Thess. 1:4)?

5. The best attitude and approach that Christians can have one toward another is to be open and honest with each other; to be “open-hearted” or “big-hearted” toward each other (6:11-13). What are brethren to do one toward another (Rom. 12:10)?

6. Christians need to come out and be separate from the sin that is in the world around them by living holy lives (6:14-18). What are Christians not to have fellowship with (Eph. 5:11; Rev. 18:4)?