

"God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life."

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2 Corinthians 6:1-4

**Preparing
Ambassadors of Reconciliation
to experience God's Plan**

2 Corinthians

**Paul establishes his credibility
ch 1-5**

**Paul challenges the church
ch 6-9**

**Paul addresses the critics
ch 10-13**

2 Corinthians 6

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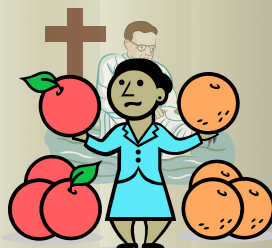


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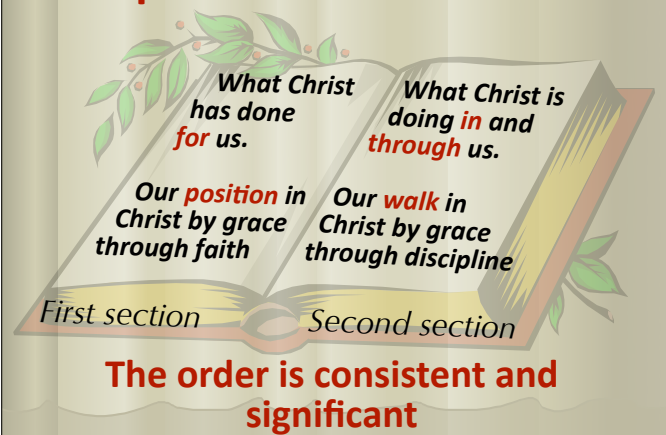
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**Reconciliation
is not only a gift
to be
received**

**but also
a life
to be invested.**



The pattern of Paul's letters



Ephesians 2:8-10

Faith

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”

Fruit

“for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them.”

Romans 12:1-2

God’s Sacrifice

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God,”

Our Sacrifice

“to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

1 John 4:11

God’s Love

“Beloved, if God so loved us,”

Our Love

“we also ought to love one another.”

2 Corinthians 5

Christ’s death for us

“¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;”

Our life for Him

“¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might not longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”

Two ways to

“to receive the grace of God in vain”

annul

the freedom

**mix law
and grace**

abuse

the freedom

**fail to be faithful
or fruitful**

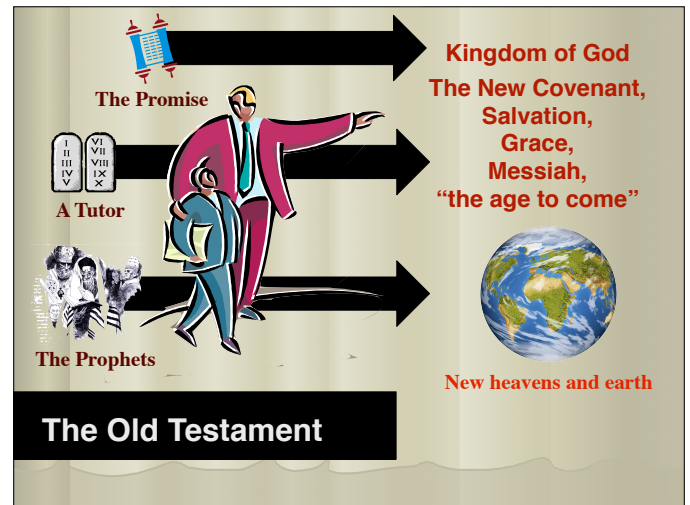
“² for He says, *At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you;* behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, **now is the day of salvation** -”

**This is the time
that God has promised to
work His plan**

and we are in it.

1 Peter 1

“¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were **not serving themselves but you**, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things into which angles long to look.”



“³ giving no cause for **offense** in anything, in order that the ministry be not discredited, ”

God's plan is to let the Gospel be your **ONLY** offense.

Two ways to
“to discredit the Gospel”

distort
the Gospel

We become
offensive

dilute
the Gospel

We tame the
message

1 Corinthians 1:23

“but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a **stumbling block** and to Gentiles **foolishness**, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

“⁴ but in **everything** commending ourselves as **servants** of God,”

**God’s plan is seen in
Jesus’ pattern of:
“an integrated life
of servanthood”**

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Ephesians 4

“¹⁵ but **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in **all aspects** into Him, who is the head, even Christ,”

“¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to **the proper working of each individual part**, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”

Summary

Ambassadors of reconciliation must **avoid these mistakes if they are to experience God’s Plan**

- ✓ **fail to respond** to the Grace of God.
- ✓ **fail to realize** the Plan of God.
- ✓ **fail to represent** the Gospel of God.
- ✓ **fail to reflect** the Son of God.