

# An Apologetic Finale

2 COR 6:1-13

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## As One Who Works with God...

**One Main Point:** As an upright and bona fide ambassador for Christ on their behalf, the Corinthians owe Paul their personal affection.

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- Not receiving the grace of God in vain
  - o The promised time has come—Isa. 49:8
- The finale—one last commendation
  - o Nine sufferings that commend
  - o Eight graces that commend
  - o Three spectrums that commend
  - o Seven contrasts that commend
- Open mouths, open hearts
  - o What the Corinthians owe in exchange—widened hearts

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## **In Light of Grace Received...**

- Have you “received” God’s grace in vain?
  - o In what areas do you tend to lapse into claiming God’s grace in vain?
- Where do our hearts need to widen toward other Christ-followers?
  - o An honest question: must everyone who is allowed real estate in your heart qualify for their space by abiding by all of your personal terms, conditions and preferences for occupancy?