

Blessed be the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today is a gift God has graciously granted us, and we, therefore, as our duty have to appreciate and make good use of the opportunity.

It is our duty to study God's Word and apply our hearts to understand it; as it is a lamp to our feet and our life here on earth. According to the grace given us today, we shall learn about The Year Acceptable of the Lord, as spoken by Jesus in his teaching:

Luke 4:18- 19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

It is important to understand this: while the Bible uses the term 'year' in some places, it refers to a certain period of time in the Lord's calendar, with a beginning and an end, set apart to accomplish a destined

purpose.

This implies that if this is the time acceptable by the Lord, then, there must have been times unacceptable to him. Consequently, we need to understand the very purpose for which this period of time was acceptable to the Lord. In the Old Testament times, the fiftieth year, Jubilee, was declared a year of deliverance. During this period, the land was left to rest, and uncultivated. Also, it was a time when all captives were set free and all who indebted were forgiven their debts **(Leviticus 25:11)**.

In a similar way, this is the very reason why Jesus Christ came on earth; to loosen all forms of chains and entanglement (both spiritual and physical); to preach the acceptable of the Lord, that is, the time of God's favour upon the human race; to save and to reveal himself to man, as well as his love to the humankind. Remember, in the Old Testament times, no one would approach God nor enter his presence without being guilty of committing sin. As a result, only the high priest was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place in order to make atonement for the sins of the people and his own sins (the sins were not washed away, but were only covered up.)

However, when Christ came on earth he became our High

Priest. Confidently, we now enter God's presence to receive forgiveness for our sins and also talk to him through prayer; since we have a High Priest who intercedes for us and hears us when we pray. Moreover, we can commune with God in the Spiritual world, as does the Father and his only beloved Son. Hallelujah!

Meanwhile, we still live in that period of the year acceptable by the Lord. However, it won't take long before the throne of God's saving grace is removed from its place. When once our Lord Jesus Christ comes to take his church with him to heaven, there will be no more room for God's mercy on the evildoers. What will happen after this is so dreadful; the outpouring of God's wrath on all those living on the face of the earth.

Luke 13:24 -Strive to enter in at the strait gate:for many ,I say unto you,will seek to enter in and shall not be able.

25. When once the master of the house is risen up,and hath shut the door,and ye begin to stand without ,and to knock at the door saying Lord,Lord,open unto us;and he shall answer and say unto you,I know you not whence ye are.

26. Then ye shall begin to say ,we have eaten and drunk in thy presence,and thou hast taught in our streets.

27. But he shall say, I tell you,I know you not whence ye are;depart from me,all ye workers of iniquity.

28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth,when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac,and Jacob,and all the prophets,in the kingdom of God,and you yourselves thrust out.

To all who are still far away from God's grace,this is the time acceptable to the Lord.A time you and I have to forsake our old ways and turn to God.Don't wait for tomorrow as we do not what the future may bring

forth.

2 Corinthians 6:2 -For he saith ,I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold,now is the accepted time; behold,now is the day of salvation.

Dear brethren,now is the time. Take a step in faith and turn to God before it's too late.Repent and surrender your life to him.He loves you and is ready to receive and to remake you into a new person.Without delay,be baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will then send forth his Spirit upon you,just as he promised in **Acts 2:38**. Daily carry your cross and follow him.

God bless you.

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