**CHAPTER 6**

*He exhorts them to a correspondence with God’s grace, and not to associate with unbelievers.*

**1** And we helping do exhort you, that you receive not the grace of God in vain.

**2** For he saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee; and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**3** Giving no offence to any man, that our ministry be not blamed:

**4** But in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses,

**5** In stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings,

**6** In chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned,

**7** In the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left;

**8** By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet known;

**9** As dying, and behold we live; as chastised, and not killed;

**10** As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as needy, yet enriching many; as having nothing, and possessing all things.

**11** Our mouth is open to you, O ye Corinthians, our heart is enlarged.

**12** You are not straitened in us, but in your own bowels you are straitened.

**13** But having the same recompense, (I speak as to my children,) be you also enlarged.

**14** Bear not the yoke with unbelievers. For what participation hath justice with injustice? Or what fellowship hath light with darkness?

**15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath the faithful with the unbeliever?

**16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God; as God saith: I will dwell in them, and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**17** Wherefore, Go out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing:

**18** And I will receive you; and I will be a Father to you; and you shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.