

Favor Has Come

Message Handout

Luke 4:18–19 (NLT) — 18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”

Jesus INITIATES A NEW SEASON: the season of FAVOR.

1. FORGIVENESS

1. We are living in a dispensation where sins can be forgiven. It hasn’t always been like this!
2. ALL sin can be forgiven: PAST sin, PRESENT sin, FUTURE sin, SMALL sin, GREAT sin.
3. Your sin can be forgiven!

2. ACCEPTED

1. Cain’s offering wasn’t accepted; Abel’s offering was accepted.
2. Our WORSHIP wasn’t accepted; now, when we lift our prayers, our worship, it IS accepted!
3. WE weren’t accepted, but now we are accepted.
4. The Father is standing with OPEN arms.

3. VICTORY

1. **Ephesians 2:1–2 (NLT)** — 1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.
2. It STINKS to be on the losing side.
3. Jesus’ victory
 1. Cast out devils
 2. Resisted Satan’s best temptations
 3. Conquered hell and the grave

4. OPPORTUNITY

1. We are living in a season of opportunity.
 1. Opportunity to be **saved**
 1. **2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)** — For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.” Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.
 2. Opportunity to be **friends with God**
 1. **Revelation 3:20 (NLT)** — “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

3. Opportunity to **work for Him**

1. **John 9:4 (NLT)** — We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.

5. RESTORATION

1. The symbolism here is the year of Jubilee: what was lost or taken is now restored.
2. Your intimacy with God is restored.
3. Your immortality is restored.
4. Your standing with Heaven is restored.
5. Your purpose is restored.