

Weekly Meditation April 7, 2010
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Day of Salvation

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For God says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. ~II Corinthians 6:1-2 NIV

As I asked Spirit what the thought for the day was, this passage popped into my head (which took me by surprise and also took a while to remember which book it was in). In my teenage years, the church I was a part of had a very specific interpretation for this passage and it sounded like this: Get Saved! Now! Today! Don't Risk an Eternity of Separation from God You Dirty Rotten Worthless Scoundrel!

Yuck! Those were the days of scary theology for me. Salvation was touted as a kind of fire/life insurance and the motivation to approach the Almighty was pure fear and anxiety about the future and my eternal soul. I had been taught that I was so tainted and abhorrent to God that the only way God could stand the sight or smell of me was if I was covered in Jesus' blood! Double yuck! I don't think so...

How differently I hear this passage today: I am surrounded by the abundant grace of God; I stand in God's favor and God wants to help me, I am not separate from Divine Love and because we are one I am a co-worker with Spirit. We are one...

The decision we make isn't about whether we want to be God's children, that is a given. The decision we make – and we consciously decide every day, every moment – is whether to be awake, aware, kind, loving, whether to claim our divine birthright and live into, and from, our true selves. The alternative is that too often we choose to just stay busy and distracted and go through life like sleep-walkers. In such an unconscious state, awareness is more a flash of lightening – blindingly here and gone – than it is a sunny day in which we choose to bask. Now is the time, today is the day, we can start by wanting to be awake...

Prayer: Creator, I don't know where to start...this seems so big to me and I feel so small some days. But I start here: I love you and am loved by you. I want to be awake and aware and live connected to your Presence. May your Spirit manifest through me today in all I do. Amen.