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#### Proverbs 14:9 (NLT)

9 Fools make fun of guilt, but the godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation.

Gk 'Katallage' (reconciliation) = the establishment of a family relationship after it has been seriously disrupted or broken. There is a focus on the change in the relationship from a negative to a positive condition.

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## Ephesians 2:14-16 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. <sup>15</sup> He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. <sup>16</sup> Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

### 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT)

1 As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it.

2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." (a quote from Isaiah 49:8) Indeed, the "right time" is now.
Today is the day of salvation.