



2 Corinthians 6:11-13 (NASB)

11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.

13 Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide to us also.



2 Corinthians 7:2-4 (NASB)

2 Make room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

3 I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

We thought it better to teach these verses this way and not in the exact order of 2 Corinthians 6:11 thru 7:1.

Today and next week we will teach on 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, then Roger will teach on 2 Corinthians 6:11-13, and then going to 2 Corinthians 7:2.

Kelly:

The Corinthians were not only impoverished in their affections. They were lax in their associations.

- **Had Christ been the object, the new life had not been hindered in either way; for as He creates, directs, and sustains the affections according to God, so does He guide and guard the feet in the narrow way, His own path outside and above the world.**
- **Where He is not before the heart, the world in one form or another fails not to ensnare, fair excuses which cover unholy alliances escape detection, and His honor somehow is ere long compromised.**

¹⁴ Do not *be (become) bound* together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

The word “**be**” means become “**ginomia**” or **don’t become or initiate**.

a prolonged and middle form of a primary verb; **don’t cause to be (“gen”-erate)**, i.e. (reflexive) to *become* (don’t initiate *into being*), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive)

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

A command. Imperative mood, Present tense, middle or passive deponent

DON'T DO THIS

¹⁴ **Do not be (become) *bound together with unbelievers*; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?**

Hetero-zygeō

Zygos - Beam of the balance, Yoked

Heteros - another of a different kind

**Unbeliever – Apistos - “A” means negative participle with faith.
without Christian faith**

Deut. 22:10

**“You shall not plow with an ox
and a donkey together.”**



14 Do not be (become) bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Believers have the position or relationship of sons to the Father founded on God's sovereign will and operation, and we have the moral character appearing upon and flowing out of this relationship which provides just ground for God's public acknowledgment of us as sons. Kelly

If I yoke myself with any of the following, I am morally and publicly identified with them and not with God at all. I have put myself into a position which God cannot own.

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Metochē - fellowship to share or participate; by implication
belong to, eat (or drink) :- be partaker with, Strong's

Dikaiosynē - Righteousness becomes in Christ all that God requires
a man to be Vine's

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB) ²¹ *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Anomia - lawlessness is used in a way which indicates the meaning
as being lawlessness or wickedness. Vine's

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Koinonia - Fellowship "a having in common, partnership"

phos-light believers are called 'sons of light,' [Luke 16:8](#), not merely because they have received a revelation from God, but because in the New Birth they have received the spiritual capacity for it.

skotos - darkness of “physical darkness,”

Vine's

Hebrews 12:18 (NASB) ¹⁸ For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind

*¹⁵ Or what **harmony** has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?*

Harmony - Symphōnēsis “a sounding together” “a sound”

Christ –

Belial - Its original meaning was either "**worthlessness**" or "**hopeless ruin**" (see the RV, margin). It also had the meanings of "**extreme wickedness and destruction**," the latter indicating the destiny of the former. In the period between the OT and the NT it came to be a **proper name for Satan**. *Vine's Dictionary*

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Common - part

Colossians 1:12 (NASB) ¹² *giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us **to share** in the inheritance of the saints in Light.*

Luke 10:42 (NASB)

⁴² *but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good **part**, which shall not be taken away from her.*

Pistos - believer, faithful to be trusted

Apistos - A means negative participle with faith. *without Christian faith*

¹⁶ Or what **agreement** has the **temple of God** with **idols**? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE."

Synkatathesis - **agreement** a *deposition* (of sentiment) in company *with*, i.e. (figurative) *accord* with- agreement

Strong's Dictionary

Naos - temple "the inmost part of a temple, a shrine," Vine's

Eidolon - Idols- an *image* (i.e. for worship); by implication a heathen *god*.

Strong's

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1 Corinthians 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

So, all that forms the life outward, and inward is embraced so as to exclude alliance with the world and claim the saints wholly for Christ apart from the world.

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Leviticus 26:12 I will walk among you and be your God.

Jeremiah 32:38 They shall be My people.

Ezekiel 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them.

I WILL BE THEIR GOD

In verse 16 it is, "***I will be their God***" and in verse 18 it is, "***I will be to you for a Father.***"

It is all a Father's care, as we prove out in our experience.

God has His temple in and of believers and has the most tender parental care over the weakest. If a saint is in special need, he gets special care.

"I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

- It is right to be courteous to everybody, kind and ready to serve, not repellent, but here it is the idea of a yoke.

We are in Christ Jesus and in new creation.

Now can you imagine a new creation person being yoked with an old creation person?

It would be yoking together the ox and the ass, which is forbidden in Deuteronomy.