





2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (NASB)

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

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

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."

What can be stronger than these rhetorical questions?

First Paul points to the radical differences of principles, low or high, righteousness and lawlessness, light and darkness.

Next, he points to their characteristic heads, Christ, and Belial.

Then he contrasts the members or followers, believers and unbelievers.

Lastly, he closes with their joint place as God's temple, contrasted with idols.

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

¹⁷ "Therefore, **COME OUT** FROM THEIR MIDST AND **BE SEPARATE**," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

exerchomai

Imperative mood, Aorist tense, **Active voice**
GET OUT, ESCAPE, GET OUT OF THERE

aphorizō

Imperative mood, Aorist tense, **Passive voice**
ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SEPARATE

Is separation a powerful testimony?

Nothing is more powerful in testimony than separation.

COATES

17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Here we see that the Corinthians were losers themselves because they did not live up to their dignity.

When we are true to our priestly position, and *touch not the unclean thing*, the Lord abundantly, in a very marked way, shows His care for us.

I speak of social interaction with them, *joining with them in their tastes and pleasures*.

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the reward to the overcomer in Revelation 2:12-17 is, *"I will give to eat of the hidden manna"*.

May we know more of "the hidden manna", the wonderful way that the blessed One (Jesus) walked here according to the pleasure of God.

- From this it is evident that there is a special blessing consequent on separation, and not to be acquired any other way.

The Corinthian church was the temple of the living God, but unless they were separate from unholy associations, they would not enjoy the greatest favor of being received by God and enjoying Him.

*18 "And I will be a **father** to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.*

Says the Lord Almighty

These are the great relations into which God Elohim enters, as revealing Himself,

1. **First** to the fathers as Almighty (Gen. 17:1, Gen. 7:8, Gen. 35:11, Gen. 48:3),
2. **Then** as Jehovah to the children of Israel (Ex. 6:3, etc.),
3. **Now Lastly as Father**, which was reserved for **the Son to declare**, not only out of the fullness of enjoyment and in testimony, but bringing us into it in virtue of His death and resurrection and our union with Christ (John 20:17, etc.)

And to our souls what more instructive than the fact everywhere blatant, that those saints who cling to the world, which is enmity against God and involves in what is unclean at every turn, never seem to rise into the liberty of God's sons, especially in their public worship, but habitually drop into language more befitting the days when God was dealing with a nation (Israel) and dwelt in the thick darkness, instead of being revealed as He now is in and by His Son, according to His true nature and that relationship which is so sweet to the believer as led by the Holy Spirit, the relationship proper to us now, though of course He be evermore Jehovah Shaddai?

KELLY

7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The possession of these promises is the great incentive to personal purification in practice.

- 1. I will be a father to you, and*
- 2. you shall be sons and daughters to Me,*

But both are founded on coming out in separateness to God from among the worldly, with responsibility to touch no unclean thing.

