

Series "Strength In Weakness"
"Separation"
2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1
Study-10

"Be Separate?" 2 Corinthians 6:17

2 Corinthians 5:17 in Christ this is the key!
That being in Christ is being a child of God! A saint!

the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

New Relationships with God – Now a child of God

Jesus is the great example of separation.

2 Corinthians 6-9 Paul's Exhortation To The Church: (Appeal)

Appeal For Love: Paul loved the Corinthians and asked them to love him back!

Appeal For Separation: Paul commands the Corinthians to be different!

Thought Of Our Passage: "Believers Are Called To Love And Separation,
Knowing That God Has Promised To Be Our Father."

1. Verses 11-13 Appeal For Love

2. Verses 14-7:1 Appeal For Separation

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2 Corinthians 6:11 Our mouth

(Context) Paul had shared with the Corinthians about his personal hardships in the ministry. Paul shared with them that he was rich in the Lord. **2 Corinthians 6:10**

Verses 11-12 I Love You: Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. Paul's love for the Corinthians was not held back; his openness, his transparency, was clearly seen and expressed. **2 Corinthians 11:1-3**

2 Corinthians 6:12 You are not restrained by us,

Paul was not the cause of the breakdown and wall in the relationship.

but you are restrained in your own affections.

The withdrawal, and lack of openness, was from them!

Performance Based –

Feeling Oriented –

God Centered –

2 Corinthians 6:13

Paul Wanted The Corinthians To Love Him: Now in a like exchange—

I speak as to children—open wide to us also.

Like a parent attempting to get something out of the mouth of a child.

2. Verses 14-7:1 Appeal For Separation

2 Corinthians 6:14

Paul asks five questions regarding the believer and separation:

- 1. for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness,**
- 2. what fellowship has light with darkness?**
- 3. what harmony has Christ with Belial,**
- 4. what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?**
- 5. what agreement has the temple of God with idols?**

Verses 14-16 The Nature of The Believer:

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; 2 Peter 1:4

bound together Yoked together. **Deuteronomy 22:10**

Marriage: Genesis 24 A bride for Isaac was to be from his people!
1 Corinthians 7

Missionary dating:

If you are married to a non-Christian: 1 Corinthians 7:12-15

Business Partnership:

Secret orders, Mason's the Masonic Lodge

Social Life, Our Relationships

Our Fellowship Of The Church:

Non-Christians given places of leadership.

Ecumenical Movement

Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity

Moral Behavior: for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, The believer is of a new nature, we long to become more like the Lord.

Knowledge & Revelation Of God: or what fellowship has light with darkness? We would say, "*Night and Day!*"

**2 Corinthians 6:15 Whose Authority Are We Under:
Or what harmony has Christ with Belial,**

Belial is an OT term that meant "*Son of worthlessness*" Or "*Worthless one*"
It came to be used when speaking of the Devil.

Our Faith: or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?
Nothing

2 Corinthians 6:16

Who Do We Worship: Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? We take on the likeness of that which we worship!
Psalms 115:8

For we are the temple of the living God;
God's presence dwells in the believer.

God's Promise: 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."

Verse 17 Command Of Scripture:

2 Corinthians 6:17 Isaiah 52:11; Ezekiel 20:41

Obedience To God's Word: "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord.

How might a person live a holy life? Thru obedience to God thru His word.

"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;

We learn from **Joshua 7** about Achan, who disobeyed God and kept some holy things for himself.

Contact without being contaminated!

**Verses 17-18 God's Promise To Bless The Pure:
And I will welcome you.**

Promise - And I will welcome you.

You are not saved because you don't do bad things.

2 Corinthians 6:18 Promise - "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,"

Says the Lord Almighty.

This promise is from the all-powerful God Himself.
(No one greater or more powerful!)

2 Corinthians 7:1 what is the **Therefore, Therefore?**

7:1 Our Response: let us cleanse ourselves

Notice this is called human responsibility! **James 4:8-10**

(Our Actions) from all defilement of flesh

The things I do physically. **Galatians 5:19-21**

(Our Attitudes) and spirit,

This is the attitude of the heart.

Pride, we have this stinking attitude. Anger, we are jealous of others.

Perfecting (*Completing*) holiness in the fear of God.

The way to live a holy life is to have a fear of God, which has been lost today.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,

The fear of God's Judgment.

This is not the best of motives, but it should motivate us!

Hebrews 10:31; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

Application:

- 1. Our relationship to others:** Am I willing to be open and transparent in my relationships? (Not to all people)
- 2.** Am I committed to love others? To allow God's love to come through me?
- 3. Our Separation:** Do I think I should isolate or insulate myself from others?
- 4.** Do I make commitments and have partnerships with those that don't have the same nature as myself?
- 5.** Is there a separation that I need to make?
- 6.** Do I believe God's promise of blessing will result from separation?