

2 Cor. 6:14-7:1 American Idolatry Notes

v. 11-13 Reasons we tend to restrict our affections:

1. **Fear of rejection.** Paul didn't reject the Corinthians. Why? Children are worth fighting for (v13).
2. **Pride.** We cover our fear and shame so no one would see us for who we really are. Vulnerability means we open ourselves up to others that love us, even with imperfections.
3. **Compromise-** As ambassadors we allow the citizens of the other kingdom to influence, so Paul addresses their compromise from a heart of love with the authority of a spiritual father.

V.14-16 5 rhetorical questions- What do these things have in common?:

1. **Values-** Righteousness and lawlessness; Light and darkness
2. **Authority-** Christ and Belial (Satan)
3. **Priorities-** Worship of God and the worship of idols; Believers and unbelievers.

V.16b We are His temple, and he dwells within us

V.17 Ez. 37 and Is. 52: Because we are His temple, He says: *don't touch the filth.*

V.18 Jer. 31:9: being separate results in a promise for human flourishing.

1 Peter 1:15-16 quotes Leviticus 19:2 because God was instructing Israel to be different by showing them a different way to rule their lives as an example to the others what life was like in God's kingdom rule.

Eph. 1 says we are saved so we might become holy. **It's our purpose, so how does that happen?**

1. **Justification:** Made right before God. God cannot tolerate our sin (Hab. 1:13). **So How? 1 Peter 1:16-18.** We work for holiness, not to be loved, but because we are loved.
2. **Sanctification** is the process by which we become holy. **1 Peter 1:2.** How? By the Spirit of God enabling **obedience** in us. (Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7).
3. **Consecration:** Holy – (consecrated or set apart). Not perfect but rather consecrated, set apart as God prescribes according to his ways. (See grow group questions).
4. **Jubilation:** The cure comes from understanding the disease to treat it properly. God desires life in abundance (John 10:10), but that only happens submitting ourselves to His values, priorities and authority.

Grow Group Questions:

1. Am I **unequally "yoked"** with an unbeliever in critical and influential areas of relationship like business or dating?
2. 1 Peter 2:9 says we are... *chosen, royal and holy; but for a purpose: so that you might proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into the marvelous light.* If this is true, what are the implications of that declaration for us?
3. **Self examination for consecration** (V.14):
 - a. *What **lawlessness** do I have?* (Where am I not obeying God) Repent of the disobedience.
 - b. *What **fellowship** do I have with darkness?* (What relationships or activities am I engaged in that might not necessarily be unlawful, but not beneficial- example: what influences me to darkness like my entertainment choices, where I spend time, activities, friendships. Repent.
 - c. *What do I have in common with **idols**?* (What's more important to me than God?). Repent.

Announcements - 11/12

- **Harvest Dinner - Tonight!** 5pm in the Fellowship Hall - Last names A-M bring a side dish, N-Z bring a dessert. Can't wait to see you there!
- **Griefshare Potluck - 11/14** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a GriefShare one-time seminar for those grieving the death of a loved one with regards to the holidays. Potluck event so bring a side or dessert to share!
- **Young Adults Thanksgiving - 11/14** at 6pm at the Clevenger's! Ages 18-30 Join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck! Last names A-M please bring a side, N-Z bring a dessert! Hope to see you there!
- **Men's Bible Study - 11/16** - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall - Join us for a weekly study into the characteristics of Godly men.
- **Christmas Decorating 11/19** - After the 11am Service in the Sanctuary
- **CHROME Mission Trip - 12/6-12/10** Sign up at feathersoundchurch.com/CHROME