

Returning to the Authentic Gospel
Restoring Our Faith – Eagerness for Personal Holiness
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Through the INDWELLING Holy Spirit every TRUE believer is COMPELLED to pursue holiness

1. SEPARATE yourself from UNBELIEVING believers

2 Corinthians 6:14–16a (ESV) — 14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

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“Unequally yoked” means to be wrongly or poorly matched in an association—‘to be mismatched, to be wrongly matched.’

➤ **Living according to God’s WORD**

2 Corinthians 6:14b (ESV) — ... For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness?

“Partnership” - A relationship involving shared purposes and activity—‘partnership, sharing.’

➤ **EXPOSING the deeds of darkness**

2 Corinthians 6:14c (ESV) — ... Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

“Fellowship” - an association involving close mutual relations and involvement—‘close association, fellowship.’

Colossians 1:13 (ESV) — He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Ephesians 5:11 (ESV) — Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

➤ **STANDING against the kingdom of SATAN**

2 Corinthians 6:14–16a (ESV) —... What accord has Christ with Belial?

“Accord” - to come to an agreement with, often implying a type of joint decision—‘to agree with, agreement.’

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) — Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Matthew 12:30 (ESV) — Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

➤ **Living their FAITH before a FALLEN World**

2 Corinthians 6:15b (ESV) — ... Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

“Portion” - part or portion, with the possible implication of a division or significant distinction—‘share, portion.’

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT) — Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

➤ **Set apart for the PRESENCE of God**

2 Corinthians 6:16a (ESV) — What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

“Agreement” - to work out a joint arrangement—‘to agree on, to arrange together, joint agreement, joint arrangement, mutual agreement.’

2. SEE yourself as the TEMPLE of God

2 Corinthians 6:16b–18 (ESV) — ... For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (ESV) — Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

➤ **You carry the PRESENCE of God**

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➤ **You enjoy the PROVISION of God**

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3. SURRENDER yourself to the CLEANSING of the Spirit

2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV) — Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

➤ It's a DAILY cleansing

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Luke 9:23 (ESV) — And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

➤ It's a TOTAL cleansing

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1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV) — Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Hebrews 12:14 (ESV) — Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Ephesians 4:22–24 (ESV) — To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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