

Come Home

Intro:

Lk 14:25-33

No love of the natural heart is safe until it is focused in the right place

Problem:

2 cor 7:2-4

Does your heart feel distant, cold, callous towards the things and the people of God?

Paul was concerned that the Corinthians were not properly affectionate towards him

They had become cold towards him and the gospel of grace

Paul lays out why in our passage

Main Idea:

You have become distant through your own affections

You have become defiled by your worldly connections

Come home

Implication:

Go out be separate is not about monasticism but being rescued from the slavery of your own affections and your worldly connections

Application:

Return to your first love. Repent of your wrong affections. Repent of your worldly connections. Come home.

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/heart-desperately-wicked.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/hate-father-mother.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/in-but-not-of-world.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Biblical-separation.html>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons-book/?>

[sapurl=Lys0OTViL2xiL21pLytttd2pwY2JkP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==](http://www.barabbas.com/sermons-book/?sapurl=Lys0OTViL2xiL21pLytttd2pwY2JkP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==)

Come Home

Text:

You have become distant through your own affections

2Corinthians 6:11 ¶ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; **our heart is wide open.**

2Corinthians 6:12 You are not restricted by us, but **you are restricted in your own affections.**

2Corinthians 6:13 In return (I speak as to children) **widen your hearts also.**

eph 4:17-24 (a restricted callous heart is the result of other affections)

James 1:13-15 (you become distant through your own affections - the problem is they are your own affections)

Gal 5:16-24 (they are against the Spirit - lead to works of flesh)

rom 13:11-14 (make no provision for the flesh - do not provide them what they need to grow???)

1 jn 2:15-17 (these affections do not reside in a vacuum - but in our everyday relationship with the world...)

You have become defiled by your worldly connections

2Corinthians 6:14 ¶ **Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.** For what **partnership** has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what **fellowship** has light with darkness?

2Corinthians 6:15 What **accord** has Christ with Belial? Or what **portion** does a believer share with an unbeliever?

2Corinthians 6:16 What **agreement** has the temple of God with idols? **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.**

James 4:1-10 (you have become defiled by your worldly connections...not a call for monasticism)

1 cor 5:9-13 (we have to live and associate with the world...but how? Not by going out of the world)

(2 cor 5:20 (we are ambassadors to a foreign people - not by seclusion from the world)

eph 5:6-14 (its about identity - do not be partners with their values - do not be conformed to the world rom 12:2...)

every show every class and life lesson outside the Bible is enticing you to a callous distant defiled heart)

jn 17:11-26 (in but not of - holiness is not merely separation but - relationship - love - it is a means to a glorious end - one which every false idol promises but cant deliver)

Come home

2Corinthians 6:17 **Therefore go** out from their midst, and **be separate** from them, says the Lord, and **touch no unclean** thing; then **I will welcome you,**

2Corinthians 6:18 **and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me,** says the Lord Almighty."

2Corinthians 7:1 ¶ **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.

Isaiah 52:3-53:12 (Paul quotes this passage - go out be separate is about being rescued from slavery...)

Hosea 1-3 (it is about scandalous grace and a restored relationship -

rev 2:4-5 (it is relevant to anyone that has lost their first love - Repent your wrong affections. Repent your wrong connections. Return to your first love...)

Luke 15:11-24 (...come home)