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Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?



What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?



What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people."



Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."



And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."



Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.



Hearing Paul's Warning: Spiritual Partnershipsthat Undermine (6:14–16a)

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"Verse 14 is not an injunction against all association with unbelievers. Rather, Paul prohibits forming close attachments with non-Christians that might compromise their faith."

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"Those who harness themselves together with unbelievers will soon find themselves plowing Satan's fields."

DAVID GARLAND



"Paul is thinking of close relationships in which, unless both parties are true believers, Christian harmony cannot be expected to flourish and Christian consistency cannot fail to be compromised."

PHILIP HUGHES



Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

1 JOHN 2:15



You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

JAMES 4:4



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

ROMANS 12:2



Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.



I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22B



I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people, not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9,10



The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners."

LUKE 7:34



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

MATTHEW 28:19



"The false teachers were eager to blend the people of God with the pagan worshipers, because that hinders the Gospel. That is what this text forbids."

JOHN MACARTHUR



"Our uniqueness is often our best witness. We stand out to others and foster curiosity and intrigue."

PASTOR ZAC HESS



What the heart desires, the will chooses and the mind justifies.





Embracing Our Identity: Transformed Purpose that Defines (6:166-18)

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Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?



You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.



Therefore do not be partners with them.



For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light



(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)



and find out what pleases the Lord.



Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.





Pursuing God's Holiness: Practical Cleansingthat Purifies (7:1)

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Pursuing God's <u>Holiness</u>: Practical Cleansing that Purifies

"Holiness involves purification of all aspects of life, including how believers treat and use their physical bodies as well as purity in the realm of their spirits, affecting their inward thoughts and desires."

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Pursuing God's <u>Holiness</u>: Practical Cleansing that Purifies

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

1 PETER 1:14



Pursuing God's <u>Holiness</u>: Practical Cleansing that Purifies

But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

1 PETER 1:15



for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 PETER 1:16



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.



Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.



Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.



"Stressing the necessity of personal holiness should not undermine in any way our confidence in justification by faith alone..."



"The best theologians and the best theological statements have always emphasized the scandalous nature of Gospel grace and the indispensable need for personal holiness..."



"Faith and good works are both necessary. But one is the root and the other the fruit."



For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

TITUS 2:11



It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age...

TITUS 2:12



"God wants you to be holy. Through faith He already counts you holy in Christ. Now He intends to make you holy with Christ. God saved you to sanctify you."



"Holiness of life stems from reverent reflection on the devastating gravity of being out of step with God's will."

GEORGE GUTHRIE





Knowing our identity governs what we avoid and what we pursue.

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