
2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (NLT) - 14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? 16 And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said:

"I will live in them
and walk among them.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
17 Therefore, come out from among unbelievers,
and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord.
Don't touch their filthy things,
and I will welcome you.
18 And I will be your Father,
and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty."

2 Corinthians 7: 1-4 (NLT) - 7 Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

2 Please open your hearts to us. We have not done wrong to anyone, nor led anyone astray, nor taken advantage of anyone. 3 I'm not saying this to condemn you. I said before that you are in our hearts, and we live or die together with you. 4 I have the highest confidence in you, and I take great pride in you. You have greatly encouraged me and made me happy despite all our troubles.

Christians are called to live a life of sanctification, not segregation.

Study Guide

This last Sunday we spoke about how the life of a Christian is one of sanctification, not segregation. As you think about sanctification (being set apart for one thing) and segregation (being isolated from anything different) what stands out as the biggest differences to you? What do you think some examples of each of these would be in modern life?

The Bible is full of admonitions to be "set apart" but it can be difficult to imagine just what that means for us today. Take a moment to read 1 Peter 2:1-12 and take special note of what you can learn from it as to how to live as a "set apart" people. What do you think Peter is telling us here about how to live?

Peter identifies Jesus as the cornerstone of the new temple, of which we are now a part. A cornerstone is a base, a type of foundation that the rest of the building is built on. By identifying Jesus as the cornerstone he is highlighting that Jesus is what all of the Church is built on, but also that the rest of the building (the temple, the Church) will be like the cornerstone.

So, now that you know that: How are we supposed to live a life being "set apart"? The same way Jesus did. Take some time to talk about the ways Jesus did live, and how you think he would live today.