

Good Morning and Welcome!
The New Testament Epistle
II Corinthians



This Morning We Continue Our Journey Through
This Dynamic Book.

Our Text This Morning:

II Corinthians 6:14-7:1!

The Title:

Turning from Conclusion to Caution!



The Outline of the Book!

I. (1:1-2) Paul's **INTRODUCTION!**

II. (1:3-12:18) Paul's **INSTRUCTION!**

A. (1:3–5:21) Paul's **COMMISSION.**

B. (6:1-9:15) Paul's **CONVERTS.**

C. (10:1-12:18) Paul's **CRITICS.**

III. (12:19-13:14) Paul's Closing **ISSUES!**

The Outline for the Second Section!

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and Message!

II. (6:1-9:15) Paul's **CONVERTS!** Encourages the Saved and
Sanctified to Serve!

A. (6:1-7:16) Their **FAITHFUL** Partnership in the Gospel!

1. (6:1-7:1) Paul **ENLISTS** the Faithful.

2. (7:2-16) Paul **ENLIGHTENS** the Faithful.

B. (8:1-9:15) Their **FINANCIAL** Partnership in the Gospel!

The Introduction to the Book!

Last week Paul called for unity among the believers in the church located at Corinth.

This morning he will call for separation from the world of which they are a part. And he will do this by transitioning from the six conclusions (therefore) set before us in chapter five to a final negative challenge that is revealed in 6:14-7:1.



Let's Review the Six Conclusions in Chapter Five!

- 1. (v.6) Therefore**, being always of good courage – knowing that while we are home in the body we are absent from the Lord / absent from the body at home with the Lord.
- 2. (v.9) Therefore**, our ambition, whether at home in the body or absent from the body is to be pleasing to the Lord.
- 3. (v.11) Therefore**, knowing that the Lord will judge, we persuade men, but we are manifest to God.
- 4. (v.16) Therefore**, we recognize no man according to the flesh.
- 5. (v.17) Therefore**, if any man is in Christ he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- 6. (v.20) Therefore**, we are ambassadors for Christ – Christ's highest ranking representatives sent to represent His values and interests in a darkened world.

In the section now before us Paul builds on the six conclusions with the challenge to be separate / set apart unto God!

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“We are not to be isolated but insulated, moving in the midst of evil but untouched by it. Separation is contact without contamination.”

“But Jesus calls us to be holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners (Heb.7:26). Yet, at the same time He was a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Luke 7:34).



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 - 1.) (v.14a) Paul's command is **Recorded**.
 - 2.) (vs.14b-16a) Paul's command is **Reviewed**.

The Command is Reviewed!

1. (v.14b) Q: For what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness?

A: None! They stand in opposition to each other.



2. (v.14c) Q: What fellowship has light and darkness?

A: None! They are mutually exclusive.



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3. (v.15a) Q: What harmony has Christ with Belial?

A: None! Their plan of redemption contradicts.



4. (v.15b) Q: What has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

A: Nothing! They have opposing natures.



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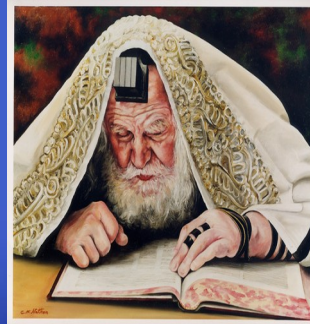
5. (v.16a) Q: What agreement does the temple of God have with idols?

A: None! Since one is pure and holy and the other is not.



6. (v.16b) Q: What do the Scriptures teach?

A: That we are the temple of the living God.



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3.) (vs.16c-18) Paul's command is **Repeated**.

d. (7:1) The call to **SANCTIFICATION**.

The Command is Repeated!

1. (v.16c) **Here God's hope is Summarized in the Old Testament Law!**
 - a. Exodus 25:8 – And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.
 - b. Exodus 29:45 – And I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.
 - c. Leviticus 26:12 – I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.
2. (v.17) **Here Paul quotes Isaiah 52:11.** The message is given by God to those who were carried off by sin into captivity. It is a reminder of God's willingness to accept all who willingly come to Him by repenting.
3. (v.18) **Paul returns to God's New Covenant promise (Jer.31).** This passage is a reminder of a coming day when Israel and God will be family.

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 - d. (7:1) The call to **SANCTIFICATION**:
 - 1.) Holiness is a **Claiming** process.
 - 2.) Holiness is a **Cleansing** process.
 - 3.) Holiness is a **Continuing** process.

Lessons Learned from Today's Message!

The believer has been commanded to be set apart unto God.



For Christ's love compels us,
because we are convinced that
one died for all, and therefore all
died. And he died for all, that
those who live should no longer
live for themselves but for him
who died for them and was raised
again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Lessons Learned from Today's Message!

Being set apart unto God involves being separated from the world, the flesh, and the devil.



Lessons Learned from Today's Message!

**As believers in Christ we are the temple of the living God!
Therefore, we have been called to cleanse ourselves
(both inwardly and outwardly)
from all forms of defilement so that we might become like
Jesus. We are to be holy even as He is holy!**

