

# 2 Corinthians

## 6:14-18

**Unequally yoked -  
reconciliation with God &  
separated from the world**

**Rom.6:4** “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might **walk in newness of life.**”

**2 Cor.5:17** “Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; **the old things passed away;** behold new things have come.”

**Eph.4:17** “So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, **in the futility of their thinking.**”

### 1 Peter 1

“<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but like the Holy One who called you, **be holy** yourselves also in **all your behavior**; <sup>16</sup> because it is written, “*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*”” (Leviticus)

**Spiritual segregation was a major theme in both the “Old” and “New” Covenants.**

**The church has always struggled in its relationship with the world.**

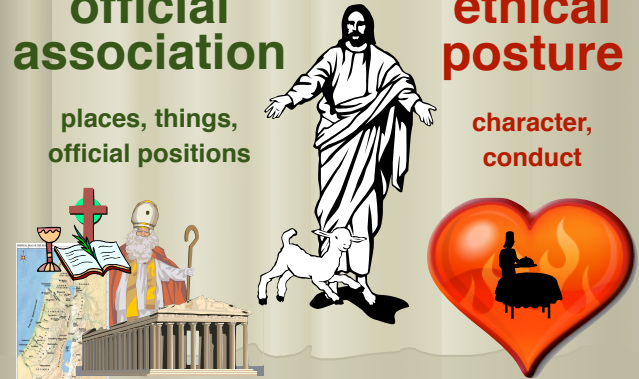
Jesus fulfilled both the **cultic** and **character** demands of the Law.

**official  
association**

places, things,  
official positions

**ethical  
posture**

character,  
conduct



The believer's relationship with God is both **positional** and **behavioral**.

### 2 Corinthians 6

“<sup>14</sup> Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, “*I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*” <sup>17</sup> Therefore, “*come out from their midst and be separate,*” says the Lord. “*And do not touch what is unclean;*” And I will welcome you. <sup>18</sup> “And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty.”



**#1**

**We are challenged in coming to Christ to break our soul's attachment to this world.**

**Christ reconciled us to God and separated us unto God.**



**Our social connections should reflect our spiritual identity.**

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“**bound together**” - sharing a double yoke

“**partnership**” - joint ownership

“**fellowship**” - common purpose

“**harmony**” - sounds that go together

“**in common**” - sharing together

“**agreement**” - of the same mind

**Believers and unbelievers live in different worlds.**

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“**righteousness** and lawlessness” - ethical compass

“**light** with darkness” - worldview

“**Christ** with **Belial**” - rulership domain

“**believer** with an **unbeliever**” - faith object

“**temple of God** with idols” - worship focus

**#2**

**We are responsible to avoid defilement and the spiritual shipwreck that can follow.**

## **“Spiritual Defilement”**

**associations with the world  
that confuse, & compromise  
my identity & calling  
as a disciple of Jesus.**

**Defilement**  
(worldly associations)

*The  
slippery slope  
of idolatry*

**Dereliction**  
(worldly living)

**Debauchery**  
(spiritual rebellion)

**Defection**  
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**Seeds**

**Weeds**



**It is possible to be  
positionally holy “in  
Christ” and yet**

**defiled by our  
worldly relationships.**

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And I will welcome you. <sup>18</sup> “And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty. <sup>7:1</sup> Therefore, having these promises, beloved,

**let us cleanse ourselves**

from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

**Take your baptism  
seriously because**

**God does.**



**“participating  
in the death and  
resurrection  
of Jesus!”**

