



A Letter of Grace

2 Corinthians

The Temple
of the Living God
(6:14-7:1)

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The Essential Admonition (v.14a)

Do not be unequally *yoked* with *unbelievers*.

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Five Rhetorical Questions (v.14b-18)

For what *partnership* has righteousness with *lawlessness*?

Or what *fellowship* has light with *darkness*?

What *accord* has Christ with *Belial*?

Or what *portion* does a believer share with an *unbeliever*?

What *agreement* has the temple of God with *idols*?

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The Identity Reason (v.16b)

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*.

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The Scriptural Admonition (v.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,

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The Scriptural Promise (v.18)

and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty.”

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The Apostolic Admonition (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.

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Application

- Non-participation in the explicit religious ceremonies and practices in the name of inclusion
- Text does not justify absolute separation from the common good
- The more subtle idols of our culture including wealth (or the “good life”), sex, and power
- Instead, pursuing generosity, purity, and the good for all with all we can as daughters and sons of God

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