

2 Corinthians 6:11-18

LESSON 29

The Unequal Yoke

1. 6:11-13 – Enlarge Your Heart

- a. (11) They hold nothing back, and have great care - 2Cor 1:13,2:4, 3:6,4:13,12:15
- b. (12) The trouble is not in Paul, but in them – namely, their affections.
 - i. Straighten ~def. restricted, confined, hold back, narrow (not open/large)
 - ii. Bowels ~def. inner workings, feelings, affections.
- c. (13) They needed to care as Christ & Paul. Love as I have loved. 2Cor 6:1,3,6

2. 6:14-16 – The Unequal Yoke

- a. Corinthians care less about purity and separation from sin, sinners, and error.
 - i. They must prove themselves – 1 Cor 16:22-24, 2 Cor 8:8, 10:18, 13:5
 - ii. Grace teaches that sin can be crucified in Christ. It can be removed.
 - iii. Grace does not teach we can bear sin, and so partake, join, work with it.
- b. Unequal yoke? It comes from plowing - 1 Cor 9:9-11, Deu 22:10, Amos 3:3
 - i. Warning: an unequal yoke does not separate you from Christ (see Rom 8)
- c. What fellowship? What communion? What concord? What part? What agreement?
- d. What position together, common unity, similarity, harmony, portion, conformity?
 - i. The believer: righteousness, light, Christ, faithful, temple of God
 - ii. The unbeliever: unrighteousness, darkness, Belial, infidel, idols (Belial = drunk, cursed, vain, evil, idolatrous, lying, rebel, thorn who know not Lord)
 - iii. You cannot drink the cup of devils and the cup of the Lord - 1 Cor 10:21
 - iv. Rebellious responses: “I can.”, “What does it mean to drink?”
- e. The point: unbelievers make for bad ministry fellows/partners/ workers.
 - i. The same goes for the sinning saint – 1 Cor 5:9-13
 - ii. Fornication is putting together what should not be – 1 Cor 5:1, Titus 1:15
 - iii. What does not belong together should not be put together.

3. 6:16-18 – Be Ye Separate

- a. (16) Paul’s use of prophecy: to reprove sin – 2 Tim 3:16, 1 Thess 4:7
 - i. He quotes Lev 26:11-12 about the temple which is holy.
 - ii. But now, ye are the temple – 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19 – so, be ye holy.
 - iii. (17) By ye separate requires coming out from them – Isa 52:11, Rev 18:4
 - 1. God never agrees with sin - Ps 1:1-3, Ezra 10:11, Eph 5:3-14
- b. “I will receive you, ... ” – This is not God accepting us because we separate ourselves.
 - i. This concerns Israel’s being received by God – Eze 20:41, Zeph 3:20, Jo 14:3
 - ii. Since we are received by God, we are sons of God, then how do we live?
 - iii. As sons of God, do him service as you did false gods - Gal 4:6-8