



## **A New and Better Way (2 Corinthians 2:14-7:1)**

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

<sup>14</sup> Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them  
 and walk among them,  
 and I will be their God,  
 and they will be my people.”

<sup>17</sup> Therefore,

“Come out from them  
 and be separate,  
 says the Lord.

Touch no unclean thing,  
and I will receive you.”

<sup>18</sup> And,

“I will be a Father to you,  
and you will be my sons and daughters,  
says the Lord Almighty.”

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## **Come out and be holy!**

### **I. An overview of holiness**

Mark 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 Peter 1:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

### Romans 6:18-22

<sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

### 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces behold as in a mirror and reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## **II. The motivation for holiness**

### **A. The promises of God**

### III. The practice of holiness

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