

# PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

## 2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6:1 1-7:1

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**COME OVER HERE !**

*developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.*

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Introduction to the Text; **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:11-7:1**

Any good parent has within them - a very strong desire, To make their child's life better than their own.

It's true with **experience**. It's true with **education**, it's true with even **material things** – it's true with **spiritual things** as well.

1 Corinthians 4:15

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many **fathers**; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

And one of those desires is that your child would grow up **safe**. Safe like **healthy**. Safe like **protected**. Safe like **wise**.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, For *(because)* out of it spring the **issues** of life.

*The borders or boundaries. The moral and ethical fences that we walk within.*

*The Story of Ashley Approaching the Hot Iron.*

*It was bright & shinny. It was reflective but it was also hot!*

When we said "**Come Over Here Ashley**" – we were doing so to get her attention away from that burning iron that would have melted and disfigured her face forever (not to mention hurt) so that she would look at us, come to us.

Her decision would be based on a compromise.

Do I keep looking at myself in the shiny mirror or go to them?

2 Cor. 6:11-7:1

O Corinthians! We have **spoken openly** to you, our heart is wide open. **12** You are not **restricted** by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. **13** Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open. **14** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? **15** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." **17** Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." **18** "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." **7:1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**COME OVER HERE**

1.) **And hear** v. 11-16

## COME OVER HERE “AND HEAR”

1a.) Hear the **heart**

v. 11-13

2 Cor. 6:11-13

O Corinthians! We have **spoken openly** to you, our heart is **wide open**. 12 You are not **restricted by us**, but you are **restricted by your own affections**. 13 Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), **you also be open**.

(I speak as to children),

**Authentic Christian Ministry – Practical Biblical Authority**

There was the problem of **restricted** or **withheld affections**, **Verse 11-13**

And it's very necessary for what the apostle Paul is about to say to the church in Second Californians, that their heart be open to receive it.

Our mouth has spoken to you nothing but the truth.  
I have been totally open to you and before you.

It is a sin in Christian circles to be “shut-up” toward others. Christianity demands that we risk loving again, and again, and again. Paul loved them but there was no love coming his way.

**They were not receiving from Paul**

“but you are restricted by your own affections.”

**They were cynical, cold, shielded, guarded**

**Love Demands a Response. Love Must be Returned or It Dies.**

Rev. 2:4-5

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have **left your first love**. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do **the first works**,

## COME OVER HERE “AND HEAR”

1b.) Hear the **wisdom**

v. 14

:14 Do not be **unequally yoked** together with **unbelievers**.

For what **fellowship** has **righteousness** with **lawlessness**? And what **communion** has **light** with **darkness**?

**There are certain associations that Christians**

**must endure** (*like this world + cultural + political*)

**and there are certain associations that Christians**

**must not put themselves into** (*like associations like partnerships + worship + devotion + faith + personal relationships*)

yoking - an appeal to the Christians new nature.

Have you noticed that if you have a barnyard with animals, it doesn't take long for you to see that a pig hangs out with other pigs or a goat with the goats or a horse with a horse – of course !

2 Peter 1:3-4

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Two of the same can **relate to the work at hand**.

Two of the same can **share the load better**.

Two of the same can **unite in the effort**.

**Amos 3:3**

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

**“ Come on Jack – I’ve got to live my life man “**  
**No Listen, Hear This. Wisdom Will Never Sacrifice Truth**

**COME OVER HERE “AND HEAR”**

**1c.) Hear the reality**

**v. 15-16**

**15** And what **accord** has **Christ** with **Belial**? Or what **part** has a **believer** with an **unbeliever**? **16** And what **agreement** has the **temple** of **God** with **idols**? For **YOU** are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell **in THEM** And walk **among THEM**. I will be **THEIR** God, And **THEY shall be My PEOPLE**.”

**Accord** συμφώνησις **sumphonesis**, *soom-fo'-nay-sis*;  
accordance, harmony, symphony. In concert. = **Belial**

**Part** μερίς **meris**, *mer-ece'*; what portion, what participation,  
what league = **unbeliever**

**Agreement** συγκατάθεσις **sugkatathesis**, *soong-kat-ath'-es-is*;  
company, team = **idols**

**James 3:14-16**

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. **16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.**

Whenever the Truth is not Maintained in Christian Fellowship,  
There will be carnal efforts and carnal acts !

*Whenever we walk in carnal passions or divisions or selfishness,  
We are out of step. We play the wrong notes. We can't read the music.*

**And the sound of that life is Noisy. Troublesome. Disunity.**

This **”YOU”** are the temple of the living God  
*and*

“I will dwell in **”THEM”** And walk among **”THEM”**

This is a powerful and comforting truth regarding God’s literal presence wherever believers come together – specifically it means the **“local church”**

**Christianity Advances. And it Advances One Life at a Time.**  
**Everywhere on earth +/- believers will gather together.**

**Ezek. 36:27**

**I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**

**Ezek. 37:14**

**I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live,**

WHEN A LOCAL CHURCH COMPROMISES ITS WITNESS,  
IT BECOMES *Like* A DEFILED TEMPLE.

**1 Cor. 5:9-11**

I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. **10** Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. **11** But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother,

Church – I must confess, I am grieved over the sad weakness of the Christian church today - - incapable of engagement with the world.

The book of revelation opens up with Jesus Christ Himself  
Walking in and through the seven golden lampstands  
Which He says are **the 7 churches**

**Paul is Speaking About Absolutes in Opposition.**  
( With God – There is No Grey )

The longer I live and the more I see. I am increasingly convinced with Paul that things are much more black and white than I had earlier believed. ( it all comes down to “Is Jesus In This?” )

**??? does this act, deal, decision or thought belong in the temple ???**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, **6** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<<  
*Come Forward for Prayer*

*End of Study*

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