

The Graces of a Christian #4 — PURITY

A Study on 2 Corinthians

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2 Cor. 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.

2 Cor. 6:14-18

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [15] What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? [16] 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."

[17] "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." [18] "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

2 Cor. 7:1

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

See also: Isa. 52:11; 2 Sam. 7:14; Psalm 15; 24:3-4; 1 Peter 1:14-16

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WHAT DOES A GRACE-FILLED CHRISTIAN LOOK LIKE?

CHRISTIAN GRACES #4 – Discussion Guide

- What sorts of partnerships have you had over the years? Which ones worked out well and which ones didn't? Why? If you knew then what you know now, would you still have entered into the partnership? Why or why not? In what way does our relationship with Christ affect the partnerships we enter into? Should it?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-15. What does it mean to be “yoked” to someone? Make a list of consequences of being yoked to someone who isn't going in the same direction as you are. Why do you think this passage is so often applied to marriage? What other kinds of relationships might it pertain to?
- If we're meant to share the gospel message with the world, how can we do that without sometimes being yoked together with unbelievers? How can we be a part of others' lives without being yoked with them?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:16. What does it mean that we're the temple of God? Can you think of any instances in which Christians worship false “gods” in their temple? Do you think this should be acceptable? Why or why not? How can we keep our religion pure, so that we're honoring the Lord God and Him alone?
- Read 2 Corinthians 1:12. How are we supposed to conduct ourselves as Christians? What does it mean to be holy? Does it mean following a list of rules and regulations? How can we be holy without falling into the trap of legalism? How can we maintain our commitment to holiness when it looks like “everyone else is doing it”?
- Read 2 Corinthians 7:1. How does God go about making us pure? What is His responsibility in the process? What is ours?
- What is the hardest part of this lesson to put into practice? Why is it so difficult? What are the rewards for honoring God's Word? Pray for the courage to be pure in every area of your life.