

The Ministry: Its Call to Separation and Consecration

2 Corinthians 06: 11–07:01

1 *Call 1:*

Open your heart

- a. Paul's heart was opened
- b. The church's heart was closed

2 *Call 2:*

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers — you are different

- a. In communion:
Are righteous, not wicked
- b. In fellowship:
Are light, not darkness
- c. In attachment:
Are Christ's, not Satan's
- d. In faith:
Are a believer,
not an unbeliever
- e. In worship:
Are God's temple,
not the temple of some idol

11 We have spoken freely to you,
Corinthians,
and opened wide our hearts to you.

12 We are not withholding
our affection from you,
but you are withholding yours from us.

13 As a fair exchange —
I speak as to my children —
open wide your hearts also.

14 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.”

3 Call 3:
***Come out from among
unbelievers and be separate***

- a. Separate: Do not touch
- b. This is God's command
- c. The results
 - 1) God will receive
 - 2) God will be a Father to you

4 Call 4:
***Cleanse yourselves
and perfect holiness***

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."

CHAPTER 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.