

# **A Plea for Purity**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: II Corinthians 6.
- B. Paul's appeal: for maturity, for reconciliation, for separation.

## II. Paul's appeal for maturity.

- A. Believers are not to receive the grace of God for salvation only—they are to receive it for grace and holiness also.
- B. There is a time of rejection, a time of acceptance for Christ, and a time in between. (Isaiah 49)
- C. The time of salvation has come—that time in between where Christ was raised. Now is the time that believers are to be growing with Christ.

## III. Paul's appeal for reconciliation.

- A. Paul ministered in a way so that no one would stumble.
- B. A man and his ministry are tied together.
- C. Characteristics of Paul's ministry: patience, morality, the power of God, and conditions of operation.
- D. Paul is pointing out his ministry in order to motivate the Corinthians.

## IV. Paul's appeal for separation. (Deuteronomy 22:10)

- A. One is not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers.
- B. A yoke ties two people together. When there is a bind, the believer must compromise because the unbeliever cannot act like the Christian.
- C. The church of Jesus comprises a temple of God (Ephesians 2). If there is an unbeliever in the ranks, it is like having an idol in the temple.
- D. God calls us to separation. With the cleansing of the spirit there is always going to be a cleansing of the flesh.

## V. Applications.

- A. The world cannot successfully evaluate a man's ministry.
- B. Compromise with false teachers leads to a lack of love for those who hold the truth.

C. In order to grow in grace, one must cast off false teachers.

D. After casting off the false teacher, there must be growth in Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. How have false teachers infiltrated the church today?

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2. Why is it important for believers to be separate from unbelievers? What are some exceptions to this rule?

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3. What aspects of your life fail to match your ministry? What is something practical and purposeful you can do this week to grow in this area?

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