

“Come Out From Among Them”

2 Cor. 6:17-7:1

Introduction:

- A. The Corinthians were told to be separate from unbelievers.
 - 1. Not isolation, but separation (1 Cor. 5:9,10)
 - 2. Not to be unequally yoked with them. (vv. 14-16).
 - 3. Not to touch the unclean (v. 17).
 - 4. Not to partake of their filth (7:1)
- B. As Christians we must separate ourselves from three kinds of filth:

Discussion:

II. The Filthy Morals of Unbelievers.

- A. Must rise above the practice of immorality. (1 Cor. 6:9-11).
 - 1. Moral decay in all ages and lands. (Noah's, Abraham's, Jeremiah's and Paul's world - cf. Rom. 1:29-32)
 - 2. God called men out of such to serve him. (Noah, Abraham, prophets, the church.)
- B. Must rise above the appearance of immorality. (1 Thess. 5:22).
 - 1. Careful with appearance, speech, and habits.
 - 2. Careful with liberties. (cf. 1 Cor. 8:13). Keep sinful elements and appearance out.

III. The Filthy Religion of Unbelievers.

- A. The filth of those who do not believe in the Author of our faith.
 - 1. Unbelieving pagans. (v. 16).
 - 2. Unbelieving Jews. (cf. Gal. 5:4).
- B. The filth of those who do not believe in the authority of our faith.
 - 1. Denominationalism exist, worship, work and organize by human authority (cf. Mt. 15:9-13)
 - 2. The Lord's church be careful about borrowing their practices and copying their methods.

IV. The Filthy Attitudes of Unbelievers.

- A. Must “cleanse ourselves from *all* filthiness of the flesh” (7:1).
- B. Many of the works of the flesh have to do with attitudes.
 - 1. The attitudes in works of flesh (Gal. 5:19-21).
 - 2. The attitudes in fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

Conclusion:

- A. “Let us cleanse ourselves”
 - 1. Of the guilt of past filth by obeying the gospel (cf. Acts 22:16).
 - 2. Of the practice of filth by “living soberly, righteously and godly” (Tit. 2:11-12).
- B. Let us come out from among them today.