



## Temple Life

*By Johnny Caruso on April 29, 2021*

**TODAY'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 6

2 Corinthians is packed with scriptures many of us know:

Verse 2b, "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Verse 14a, "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers."

Verse 16a, "For we are the temple of the living God."

Verse 17a, "Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord."

I want to focus on verse 16:

"What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

'I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.'"

The last part of the verse is taken from the Old Testament in Leviticus 26:12 and is also found in Jeremiah 32 and Ezekiel 37. The first part of the verse is pretty clear, "What agreement has the temple of God with idols?" God has made it very clear that we are to have no other gods before Him, Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7. It is also one of the Ten Commandments.

So what does it mean that we are the temple of the living God? Those who belong to Christ have the Spirit of Christ residing in them. We are to honor God with our bodies. They "are not our own," as Paul said. We have been bought with a price.

*It was not gold or silver or other perishable things by which we were redeemed; it was with the precious, unblemished blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19). Ordained by God before the foundation of the world (Acts 2:23), Christ's blood purchased us out of the slavery of sin and set us free forever. As Christians' bodies are God's temple, we are to use them to glorify God.*

By choosing the word "temple" to describe the Spirit's dwelling in the believer, Paul conveys the idea that our bodies are the shrine, or the sacred place, in which the Spirit not only lives,

but is worshiped, revered and honored. Therefore, how we act, think and speak, about what we let into the temple through our eyes and ears is important. Though He will never leave us, it is possible to grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30). Paul told the Ephesians to *get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ forgave you* (Ephesians 4:31-32). When we live by the Spirit, we will no longer gratify the desires of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:16).

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to be aware of the things I allow in my life (temple). Help me leave those old things behind and renew my mind everyday.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 7

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