



## Be Holy, You Are the Temple of the Living God

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### TODAY'S READING: 2 Corinthians 6

In our reading today, Paul gives us great encouragement as we abide in Christ, being holy. This word, *holy*, means many different things to different people. However, for the believer, being holy means to consecrate yourself to God. As a people of God, we are separated “to Him,” not *for* Him. As we grow in our walk with Christ, we become more conformed into His image--the image of God! Our character and characteristics are patterned after Christ alone. That is why the apostle Paul gives us very staunch encouragement in our reading, “*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*” (2 Corinthians 6:14).

These are very pertinent questions we need to contemplate as we examine ourselves in this effort. None of is are where we need to be as we live and serve the risen Christ. Every aspect of this world will work counter to what we are trying to achieve in the Body of Christ. Therefore, please keep this in mind when you read the following question from the apostle Paul, “*And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols...*” (2 Corinthians 6:15-16 NKJV).

My friends, we must recognize to whom we belong and why! Focus intently on the latter portion of verse 16. It gives us great context and relevance to our standing in Jesus, “*For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'*”

We are the people of God! We know and understand the wisdom of God as it is revealed to us through Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us walk circumspectly as we follow Him--**holy**. “*By purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left*” (2 Corinthians 6:6-7 NKJV).

**PRAYER:** Our Father in the heavens, we come before You in humility, kindness, gentleness and respect as Creator of all things! Father, we thank You for Your Holy Spirit that works in us making us more like Jesus. Father, please help us to surrender. Help, Father, consecrate ourselves to You,. Help us be holy, because You are holy. Father, please feed our hearts and minds with the concepts of life and love that we find in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us, Father, to be holy as He is the Holiness of God. Father, we ask this in Jesus' matchless name, amen.

### TOMORROW'S READING: 2 Corinthians 7

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