

# **The Precept of Biblical Separation**

## **3 John 9-10**

**9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.**

**10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.**

## **2 John 10**

**If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:**

# **An Open And Shut Case - 2 Corinthians 6:11-18**

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## **A. Open To An Apostle (6:11-13)**

### **1. We are open to you (6:11-12a)**

**A. Break down the wall between us**

**B. Openness is a two-sided relationship**

### **2. Be open to us (6:12b-13)**

**Isaiah 49:8**

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## **B. Closed to Apostates (6:14-18)**

### **1. The case of the unequal yoke (6:14a)**

**Deuteronomy 22:10**

### **2. Logical objections to the unequal yoke (6:14b-16a)**

#### **a. It doesn't make sense**

- 1). Righteousness and Unrighteousness are mutually exclusive**
- 2). Light and darkness are mutually exclusive**
- 3). Christ and Belial (Satan) are mutually exclusive**
- 4). A believer and unbeliever are mutually exclusive**
- 5). The Temple of God and Temple of Idols are mutually exclusive**

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**3. Scriptural objections to the unequal yoke  
(6:16b-18)**

**a. Unequal yokes**

**1). Violate Scripture (v 16)**

**Leviticus 26:11-12, Isaiah 52:11**

**2). Communicates a wrong message -“Sin” is not so bad**

**Romans 13:14**

**3). Weakens the church’s testimony**

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##### **b. God's threefold command (v 17)**

- 1). Come out**
- 2). Be separate**
- 3). Touch not the unclean**
- 4). Result is a right standard**

##### **c. God does not command:**

- 1). Try to reform them - Our action**
- 2). See what you have in common and work out a compromise - Our thinking**

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**d. God's promises for right standing (v 18)**

**1). He will dwell in our midst and be our God**

**2). He will receive us**

**3). He will be our Father**

**Can Any Good Thing Come Out of \_\_\_\_\_?**

**2 Corinthians 7:1-16**

**True repentance brings true joy**

# **I. A Summary of Paul's Appeal (7:1)**

## **2 Corinthians 7:1**

**Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

**Put off the deeds of the flesh and put on Christ**

## **II. A Continued Plea for Open Hearts (7:2-4)**

### **2 Corinthians 7:2-4**

**2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.**

**3 I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.**

**4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.**

**A. In spite of wrongful accusations (v 2)**

**B. A heartfelt motive for his letter (v 3)**

**C. A heartfelt joy in their response (v 4)**

# **III. The Coming and Comfort of Titus (7:5-7)**

## **2 Corinthians 7:5-7**

**5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.**

**6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;**

**7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.**

### **III. The Coming and Comfort of Titus (7:5-7)**

#### **A. The anxiety Paul experienced before meeting Titus (7:5)**

- 1. Imagine what Paul was thinking after he wrote the letter**
- 2. Don't let acceptance stop Godly action**

#### **B. The encouragement Titus brought (7:6) God used Titus to comfort Paul**

# Consider These Verses To Encourage

**Psalms 42:11**

**Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.**

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## Isaiah 40:28-31

**28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.**

**29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.**

**30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:**

**31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

# Consider These Verses To Encourage

**John 14:27**

**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

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**1 Peter 1:3-7**

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

**4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

**5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:**

**7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

# **Consider These Verses To Encourage**

## **1 Peter 1:13**

**Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

## **1 Peter 5:7**

**Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**

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**God used Titus to comfort Paul.**

#### **C. The news Titus brought (7:7)**

# **IV. The Cause of the Corinthians' Repentance Paul's Painful Letter (7:8-12)**

## **A. Paul's regret (7:8) - Paul's human side**

### **2 Corinthians 7:8**

**For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.**

**No physical regret when there is spiritual reward**

# **IV. The Cause of the Corinthians' Repentance Paul's Painful Letter (7:8-12)**

## **B. The Corinthians' repentance (7:9-11)**

### **1. True repentance is godly (vv 9-10)**

#### **2 Corinthians 7:9-10**

**9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.**

**10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.**

**Just feeling sorry is not repentance**

# **IV. The Cause of the Corinthians' Repentance Paul's Painful Letter (7:8-12)**

## **B. The Corinthians' repentance (7:9-11) - continued**

### **2. True repentance brings a change (v 11)**

#### **2 Corinthians 7:11**

**For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.**

## **Psalm 51:17**

**The sacrifices of God  
are a broken spirit: a  
broken and a contrite  
heart, O God, thou wilt  
not despise.**

# **IV. The Cause of the Corinthians' Repentance Paul's Painful Letter (7:8-12)**

## **3. The motive of the severe letter (7:12)**

### **2 Corinthians 7:12**

**Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.**

**Paul's policy: Care enough to confront**

**Proverbs 27:6**

**Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.**

# **V. The Cause for Rejoicing (2 Cor 7:13-16)**

## **A. For Titus (7:13-15)**

### **2 Corinthians 7:13-15**

**13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.**

**14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth.**

**15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.**

# **V. The Cause for Rejoicing (2 Cor 7:13-16)**

**B. For Paul (7:16)**

**2 Corinthians 7:16**

**I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.**

