



Unrestricted Affections – Unholy Attachments

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14–7:1

I. _____ yourself from unholy attachments to the world.

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? (6:14-16a)

A. A “yoke” exhibits certain characteristics.

A yoke is not easily broken.

A yoke is going to constrain you.

B. It does not make sense to be yoked with unbelievers.

What partnership has righteousness with lawlessness?

What fellowship has light with darkness?

What harmony has Christ with Satan?

What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

APPLICATION: WHAT UNHOLY ATTACHMENTS MIGHT BE _____ YOU BACK IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?

II. Make God a _____ in all of your relationships.

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. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” (6:16b-18)

A. You are “the temple of the living God.”

B. We have been set apart for a relationship with Him.

APPLICATION: IS GOD _____ IN ALL OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?



III. Allow the Holy Spirit to _____ you to the image of Jesus Christ.

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. (7:1)

A. “Cleanse yourself” from all spiritual contamination in your life.

B. When you truly see yourself in Christ, you will be freed up to love others with unhindered affection.

APPLICATION: YOU CAN'T FULLY LOVE SOMEONE WHEN YOUR HEART IS _____ SOMEWHERE ELSE.

WE LOVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE WE VALUE EACH OTHER.



SERMON DEVOTIONAL STUDY

1. In what ways do you tend to keep different parts of your life separate, or compartmentalize them? Is it good to keep some parts separate from others, or better to have everything blend together? Why or why not?

2. What kinds of contaminants can affect your body? What kinds affect your spirit? After hearing the sermon, what contaminants or unholy attachments do you feel God's Spirit nudging you to remove from your life, and why?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1. What kinds of relationships is Paul talking about here? If you recognize any of these in your own life, what are the reasons why you continue the relationship?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1. What should it look like to live these out practical everyday terms:

"be separate from them" (6:17)

"cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit" (7:1)

5. How does putting God first in our relationships change them? Think specifically about relationships you have with unbelievers, and how we are called to be *"in the world but not of the world."*

6. In what area are you giving the Lord permission to remove spiritual contaminants from your life? How will you act on it in the coming week?

TAKING HIS YOKE

"What can be lighter than a burden which takes our burdens away, and a yoke which bears up the bearer himself?"

Bernard of Clairvaux

"Did you ever stop to ask what a yoke is really for? Is it to be a burden to the animal which wears it? It is just the opposite: it is to make its burden light. Attached to the oxen in any other way than by a yoke, the plow would be intolerable; worked by means of a yoke, it is light. A yoke is not an instrument of torture; it is an instrument of mercy. It is not a malicious contrivance for making work hard; it is a gentle device to make hard labor light. [Christ] knew the difference between a smooth yoke and a rough one, a bad fit and a good one ... And what was the burden? It was not some special burden laid upon the Christian, some unique infliction that they alone must bear. It was what all men bear: it was simply life, human life itself, the general burden of life which all must carry with them from the cradle to the grave ... And here is Christ's solution: Carry it as I do. Take life as I take it. Look at it from My point of view. Interpret it upon My principles. Take My yoke and learn of Me, and you will find it easy. For My yoke is easy, sits right upon the shoulders, and therefore My burden is light."

Henry Drummond

"As the self is cleansed of its false attachments, the Holy Spirit will set up shop. We will lose our old ways, but gain something new—the fruits of the Spirit such as joy, peace and patience. God will have begun to do serious work through us."

Glen Argan

"We must quit bending the Word to suit our situation. It is we who must be bent to that Word, our necks that must bow under the yoke."

Elisabeth Elliot

"We cannot avoid the burdens of life, but we do have a choice as to whether we carry them on the strength of our own backs or yoke ourselves to our Lord who has promised to get under the load with us and make our burdens light."

Al Cadenhead

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of "The Source" at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

"CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG" TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY. Now's the time to think of a friend, family member or neighbor who doesn't have a church home and invite them to the show! Performances are Aug. 17-19 and Aug. 23-26. Tickets are free but required for entry—get yours today in the Great Room, Atrium or at www.ccbcfamily.org/musical.

NEED A NEW BIBLE? STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE! Located on the first floor of the Link Building, the Bookstore sells Bibles at a discounted rate, starting at \$5. The selection includes ESV Study Bibles, compact Bibles, journaling Bibles and picture Bibles for kids.

LADIES, SUMMER SALAD LUNCHEON IS THIS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2. Come enjoy friends, food and another story of God's amazing love. This time Linda Henry will share how God used her childhood to fuel a passion for teaching the next generation His truth. Invite a friend and bring a salad to share—we'll see you in the Oak Room at 11 a.m.!

LAUNCHING POINT SIGN-UPS CLOSE THIS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2. Understanding how God has shaped you to impact the church and world is crucial to growing in your faith. If you don't know your gifts or how you can use them, find out at Launching Point! The class begins next Sunday, Aug. 6 at 9:15 a.m. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/connectingpoint.

SURF'S UP AT FAMILY BACKYARD NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 6. Worship with us at the 5 p.m. service and then get ready to hang 10! The Great Room will be turned into a beachside party with games and food.

PARENTS, RSVP FOR BREAKAWAY. If you're the parent of a child with special needs, we'd love to offer you a break! On Friday, Aug. 11 your child (and siblings up to age 12) will have a great time with our team of buddies while you get a few hours to yourself. Just RSVP to Emma at EmmaW@christchapelbc.org by next Sunday, Aug. 6. And, the event is open to the public so please tell a friend!

SAY "YES!" TO ALL THE FUN IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. You can make an eternal impact on the next generation! Make a difference with us on Sundays in a nursery, preschool or elementary class, or join the Children's Welcome Center. Email Nicole at NicoleC@christchapelbc.org to learn more.

JOIN THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM. If you love to meet new people, serve with the First Impressions Team! You'll play a major role in helping guests feel at home while visiting. To get involved, email Preston at PrestonN@christchapelbc.org.

Close by talking to God about what His Word taught you today.

SEPARATE, DIVIDED: *Separate, holding, first, priority, conform, divided*