

## Consider It

Why is this passage is so often applied to the marriage relationship?

Are there other areas of life where partnerships or relationships with unbelievers should be discouraged or prohibited?

What concerns does Paul raise about such unions (6:14-16)?

How are these concerns echoed in these passages?

- Psalm 1:1-3
- Proverbs 22:24-25
- 1 Corinthians 15:33

What makes us uniquely set apart by God, His holy people (6:16-18)?

What difference should it make that you are the temple of the living God (6:16)?

Does the command, "Come out and be separate" (6:17) mean that we should avoid all relationships with unbelievers? Why? Or Why not? Consider the example of Jesus in Mark 2:15-17 and John 17:13-18.

What are things that might contaminate the body or spirit of 21<sup>st</sup> century Christ-followers (7:1)?

## Live It

Confess. Name as sin the relationships that compromise and influences that are contaminating your relationship with Christ.

Declare. I am not my own. I've been bought with a price. I will glorify God with my body.

Act. Build a relationship with one or two other Christ-followers who will encourage you and hold you accountable.

## Tested and Triumphant!

*"Perfecting Holiness"*

2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1

Sunday, October 13, 2019

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2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)

## Sermon Proposition

God calls you to cross the finish line of holiness.

## By Obeying All that God's Word Requires

## By Accepting All that God's Word Teaches

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Discussion Guide  
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### Open It

Being Holy means that I am set apart for God's use solely. The opposite of holiness is profane or common. What are objects in your home that are set apart for a single purpose or the sole use of one person?

### Read It

*Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." <sup>17</sup> Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." <sup>18</sup> And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." <sup>7:1</sup> Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*

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Paul uses an agrarian word picture to describe the partnerships between believers and unbelievers. When plowing a farmer would be foolish to yoke an ox and a donkey (Deuteronomy 22:10). What other pairing of animals would be foolish for plowing a field?

## By Possessing All that God's Word Promises