

“Being Holy”

2 Cor. 6:11-7:1

Introduction

- I. Christians are commanded to be holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16).
- II. As we live “holy” lives, there are certain things that we must do.
 - A. We must not be yoked unequally.
 - B. We must remember how privileged we are.
 - C. We must stay clean.
 - D. We must not dwell on the past.

Discussion

- I. We must not be yoked unequally (2 Cor. 6:14-16; cf, Deut. 22:10).
 - A. Christian lives should not be hindered by aspects of the world.
 - B. We must not allow something to pull us in another direction.
 - C. We cannot try to live in the church and the world simultaneously (1 Cor. 5:9-10; Matt. 5:13-16; 9:11-13; 1 Pet. 4:3).
- II. We must remember how privileged we are.
 - A. By being the people of God under the old law, Israel was blessed to have God's presence amongst them (Lev. 26:11-12).
 - B. God dwells with His people today, the church (2 Cor. 6:16-18).
 1. Through the Word (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 2. We are never very far from God (Acts 17:27-28; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- III. We must stay clean.
 - A. Israel of old was not to allow uncleanness in their camp (Num. 5:1-4; Deut. 23:12-14).
 - B. We have been cleansed, and should strive to keep the church holy (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:3-4; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12).
- IV. We must not dwell on the past (Heb. 10:35-39; Luke 9:62).
 - A. Christians are to move forward (2 Pet. 1:5-8).
 - B. Each day we should live to be like Christ (Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 3:18).

Conclusion

- I. Living holy lives is not only possible, but is commanded of God.
- II. Let us do our parts to make sure that the church of Christ is holy like the Lord (1 Pet. 1:15-16).