

# **“Living As God Desires”**

## **2 Cor. 6:16-7:1**

### Introduction

- I. There is a standard of living that God expects for Christians to live.
- II. The life of a Christian is to be “higher” and “greater” than the life of one that is not a Christian.

### Discussion

- I. Christians are not to be yoked unequally with unbelievers.
  - A. A “yoke” implies that we must be “pulling”/working.
  - B. An unequal yoke was forbidden under the Law of Moses (Deut. 22:10).
  - C. Christians and “the world” are not to be yoked together (2 Cor. 6:14-16).
    1. Christians should live differently than “the world” (Matt. 5:14-16; 1 Cor. 5:9-10).
    2. We should take a stand against worldliness and all sins (1 Pet. 4:3-4).
- II. Christians are blessed to have God with them.
  - A. The Lord help us to “pull” in this world (Matt. 11:28-30).
  - B. Israel had the blessing of God with them (Lev. 26:11-12).
    1. Israel had strict things that were to be followed (Num. 5:1-4; Deut. 23:12-14).
    2. Refusal to follow these rules led to separation from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
  - C. For Christians to continue to enjoy God's presence with us, we must obey the strict things that God has commanded (Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 6:17).
- III. Christians are to live holy lives til death.
  - A. God has made it clear that the victory is given to those that overcome (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:4-6; 1 John 5:4).
  - B. We must not allow ourselves to go backward spiritually (Luke 9:62; Heb. 10:35-39; cf. 2 Pet. 1:5-8).

### Conclusion

- I. Christian living is something that must be applied each day.
- II. We should strive to be more and more like God.