

# Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God

2 Corinthians 6:11 – 7:16

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class  
“Paul’s Letters to the Church at Corinth” – Lesson 16  
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# Introduction

- ◇ 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians: Review
  - ◇ Introduction (1:1-11)
  - ◇ Paul's Explanation (1:12- 2:17)
    - ◇ Paul's Ministry (3:1 - 6:10)
    - ◇ Paul's Exhortation (6:11 – 7:3)
  - ◇ Paul's Joy (7:4-16)
- ◇ “Do not receive the grace of God in vain”
  - ◇ Grace in the believer's life produces fruit (1 Cor. 15:10, 2 Cor. 9: 8-9)
  - ◇ Christians walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:1-14)

# Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Exhortation

- ◇ The exhortation: “Open your hearts to us” (6:11-13, 7:2-3)
- ◇ The description of Paul's love (11-13)
  - ◇ “Our heart is open wide”
  - ◇ “I speak as to (my) children”
- ◇ The purpose of Paul's love (2 Cor. 11:2)
  - ◇ Paul's goal: Presenting them spotless before Christ
  - ◇ The danger: False apostles

# Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Exhortation

- ◇ “Cleanse yourselves from defilement of body and spirit” (6:14-7:1)
- ◇ A foundational truth: Separate natures do not mix (Deut. 22:10, 6:14-16a)
  - ◇ Righteousness does not **fellowship** with darkness
  - ◇ Light does not **commune** with darkness
  - ◇ Christ has **no harmony** with the Devil
  - ◇ We have **no portion** with the lost world
  - ◇ God's temple has **no agreement** with idols
- ◇ Two applications of this truth (16b – 7:1)
  - ◇ We are the temples of God corporally (1 Cor. 3:16)



# Paul's Joy in the Corinthians

- ◇ What is Godly Grief?
  - ◇ Understanding against whom you sinned (Ps. 51:4)
  - ◇ Understanding the nature of your sin
  
- ◇ What is Repentance?
  - ◇ “To think again or to change your mind”
  - ◇ A fruit of the Spirit's work (2 Tim. 2:25)
  - ◇ To forsake your sin and obey the Lord