
A CALL TO CLARITY, COMPASSION, AND COURAGE

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

If we don't take the biblical position, we cease to be relevant in the world.

¹⁴Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? ¹⁵What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶What 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.”

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁷Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” ¹⁸And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

The Bible gives us four specific divisions that are necessary for the Church to maintain its relevance and for the Christian to maintain their loyalty to Christ.

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND WICKEDNESS: COMMONALITY

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in **common**?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Commonality

A relationship involving **shared purposes** and **activity, partnership.**

There is no overlap as we live our public lives.

LIGHT AND DARKNESS: FELLOWSHIP

Or what **fellowship** can light have with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Fellowship:

Close mutual relations and involvement. **Deep spiritual** and emotional bonds.

Privately, we have no spiritual connection.

CHRIST AND BELIAL: HARMONY

What **harmony** is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

2 Corinthians 6:15

Harmony

To be in **unity**, to sing and play the **same** notes.

There is no similarity in our celebration.

TEMPLE OF GOD AND TEMPLE OF IDOLS: AGREEMENT

What **agreement** is there between the temple of God
and idols?

2 Corinthians 6:16

Agreement

To work out a **joint** agreement; to have the **same opinion**.

The state of having no conflict.

We can disagree and be loving.
We can disagree and serve.
We can be loving without being yoked.
We can be relevant without being yoked.

Three Reasons Why We Are In Conflict

1. The Image of God - Genesis 1:27
2. The Gift of God - Ephesians 5:31-32
3. The Purpose of God - Genesis 1:28

Be Loving.
Be a Light.
Be a Lion.