

**Coming Back from Defilement**  
**2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, Pew Bible p. 967**  
**October 16, 2022**

**I. What We Can't Do (V. 14-18)**

A. Defilement cannot make a Christian less saved, but it can make a Christian less whole.

B. For a Christian to be spiritually dependent on or sinfully influenced by a non-Christian relationship is defilement.

C. Clarification:

1. Not all unequally yoked relationships are voluntary.
2. Not all forms of non-Christian partnerships are unequally yoked.
3. Defilement is an observation not a value statement.

D. For a Christian to mix the presence of God with the desires of the world is defilement.

**II. You Are in Your Way (7:1)**

A. Coming back from defilement is a decision.

B. Coming back from defilement means fearing separation from God more than separation from our idols.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1.
2. What does it mean for a Christian to be “unequally yoked” with a non-Christian? Why would 7:1 use such a harsh like “defilement” to describe it? Are there other things that can defile a Christian? Why are they so harmful, according to verses 14-16?
3. Is this passage saying that every relationship between a Christian and non-Christian is defilement? How do you know? What is the difference between being unequally yoked with a non-Christian and being in a right relationship with a non-Christian?
4. What does the fact that God resides in the heart of every Christian have to do with who they partner with in life, according to verses 16-18?
5. Have you ever had to cleanse yourself of defilement as a Christian, as 7:1 commands? What was the defilement and what did you have to do to get rid of it?
6. What does holiness and the fear of God have to do with Christians cleansing themselves of defilements, according to 7:1?
7. Pray for our church members, that we would cleanse ourselves of every defilement and bring holiness to completion in the fear of God. Consider attending the online church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register on the church website at [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Numbers 31-36

October Memory Verse: Numbers 24:13

***Romans 3:21-25a***

*21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25a whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, please register on the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 12/25/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for lost people to come to Christ.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus  
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Paul W. & family (aunt); family of Joan S.; Anne W.-B. & family (husband); Sherri O. (uncle); Barbara K. (husband); Twila D. and family (husband); and Elaine D. (sister)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues); Debbie B. (radiation treatments); Twila D. (declining health); Debbie P. (health issues); Ann C.-W. (health issues); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Jim M. (recovery from arm injury & surgery); Laura M. (undiagnosed health issue); Jenny P. (childbirth soon); and Michelle LaM. (in hospital/possible stroke)
- Others that you are aware of