

## 2 Corinthians 7

1. What is the earthly tent in which we live?

-Our physical body.

2. What is our building from God which is not built by human hands?

-Our new body which our God will give us which will never get sick, never get old, and never die.

3. Why do some Christians groan?

-Because we live in our earthly tent which has sin, gets sick, and dies.

-Because we long to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.

4. Who is our deposit to guarantee what is to come?

-God the Holy Spirit.

5. How is God the Holy Spirit our deposit?

-The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee that we belong to Him, that He will give us a new body which will never die, and that He will take us to heaven to live with Him forever.

6. What does the Word of God mean that "in the body we are away from the Lord"?

-As long as we live in our body, we will not be able to physically see our God, yet He is still with us.

7. How is it that we live by faith, and not by sight?

-Although we have never seen God, we know that He is with us and in us, for Christ has made Him known to us.

8. What is the judgment seat of Christ?

-The judgment seat of Christ is where all of the works of Christians will be judged.

9. How are Christians a new creation?

-We Christians have a new spiritual heart.

-We Christians have a new spiritual home.

10. Who makes us a new creation?

-God alone.

-God alone can give us a new spiritual heart.

-God alone can give us a new spiritual home.

11. If we are a new creation in Christ, then why do we continue to sin?

-Because we are surrounded by sin in the world that continues to tempt us.

-Because our flesh or our old ways continue to persuade us that the old ways are better.

-Because we have not yet completely learned to allow God to be completely God in our lives.

12. What does "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us" mean?

-Just as Israel would sacrifice an animal which had not sinned, God the Father sacrificed the Lord Jesus who has never sinned.

-Just as the blood of the animal would temporarily pay for the sin of Israel until a better sacrifice could be made, the blood of Christ permanently pays for the sins of those who believe.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1-As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

2-For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

-All Christians are co-workers with God.

-As co-workers with God, does this mean that we choose the work and then, we ask God to help us?

-No.

-As co-workers with God, this means that it is God who chooses the work, and then, we ask if we may help Him.

-Instead of choosing the work and asking God to come with us, we must allow God to choose the work, and then, we ask God if we may come with Him.

-What does it mean to "receive God's grace in vain"?

-It means to refuse to work with God.

-It means to refuse to allow God to do His work through us.

-As we learned in the last lesson, God has saved us so that He can use us to teach other people so that they would believe in Christ and be saved.

-As Christians, we must work with God now.

-As Christians, we must allow God to work through us now.

-This is because we cannot be sure that God will give us tomorrow, especially if we refuse to work with Him.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:3

3-We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.

-When we are with non Christians, we should put no block before them because we want them to believe in Christ and be saved.

-When we are with other Christians, we should put no block before them because we want them to be encouraged in Christ.

-Our greatest example is Christ who yielded to death on the cross so that we could be saved.

-Where Christ did not yield and where we also should not yield is with the Word of God.

-The Word of God is God Himself, and cannot be changed or blocked.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:4-5

4-Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;

5-in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;

-How do we know that Christians are servants of God?

-A true Christian will endure troubles and difficulties because we know that our God has allowed these to help us to depend more on Christ.

-How could Paul and Silas praise God and sing hymns in Philippi, even though they were beaten and put into prison?

-They were praising God because God considered them to be worthy of suffering for Christ.

-When the apostles were beaten in Jerusalem for teaching about Christ, they praised God.

-“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they

had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name” (Acts 5:41).

-Why should any Christian rejoice when they are suffering for Christ?

-Why should any Christian praise God while God considers them worthy of suffering for Christ?

-When we suffer for Christ, we can better understand how Christ's suffered for us because of His great love for us.

-When we suffer for Christ, this brings us closer to Christ.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:6-7

6-in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

7-in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;

-Our purity and understanding come from the Holy Spirit.

-Our patience, kindness, and love come from the Holy Spirit.

-It is the Holy Spirit in us who can speak the truths of

God in the power of God.

-All of these are our weapons that God has given to all Christians.

-If we ask and allow God the Holy Spirit to have complete control of our lives, He will do so.

-The same Christ who was in Paul and the apostles in the same Christ who is in all Christians.

-Why is there a difference in Christians?

-Because some Christians allow God to control their lives only a little while others allow God to control their lives very much.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:8-10

8-through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;

9-known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed;

10-sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

-The life of the Christian is sometimes glory, sometimes dishonor, sometimes bad times, sometimes good times, seen by some as true, and seen by some as false.

-We are known by our family in Christ, but not known to the world, dying to ourselves, yet continuing to live, persecuted, yet still alive.

-As Christians, we are sad for others yet rejoice in our Lord, poor in the world, yet rich in Christ, and having nothing on earth, but eternal life in heaven.

-We Christians experience much, and God uses this greatly in our lives to make us complete in Christ.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

11-We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you.

12-We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us.

13-As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

-Christians should be free to speak openly with other Christians, having open hearts for one another.

-To withhold affection from another Christian is wrong.

-As members of the church of Christ, our hearts should be wide open to one another.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:14-16a

14-Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For

what do righteousness and wickedness have in common?  
Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

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

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

-To not be joined together with unbelievers is not understood very well.

-Some people think that if your husband or your wife is not a Christian that you must divorce them, but this is not what the Word of God is saying.

-Romans 7:12-13 says this:

12-“If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her.

13-And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him.”

-Some people think that Christians must live all by themselves away from all other people, but this is not what the Word of God is saying.

-Before the Lord Jesus returned to heaven, this is what He prayed for all Christians:

-“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one” (Jn 17:15).

-Rather, Jesus told us to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).

-Some people think that Christians must not talk to nor be with immoral people, but this is not what the Word of God is saying.

-Jesus ate with and was a friend of tax collectors and sinners (Mt 9:10).

-In 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, Paul wrote this:

9-“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-

10-not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.”

-Some people think that Christians must only live with other Christians who believe exactly like them, but this is not what the Word of God is saying.

-There are many Christians in different denominations who are born again and believe only in Christ as their savior.

-What does it mean to not be yoked together with unbelievers?

-We read this in Deuteronomy 22:9: “Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.”

-God does not want us to join two things together which should not be joined.

-This means that God does not want Christians to be spiritually joined together with non Christians.

-Christians should not nor can they be united with non Christians in the work of God.

-Can righteousness and wickedness be united?  
-No.

-Can light and darkness exist together?  
-No.

-Can Christ be united with Satan?  
-No.

-Can the children of Christ be united with the children of Satan?  
-No.

-What was the reason why God wanted Israel to be separated from all other nations?

-To help Israel to understand that God is without sin, and that He wanted Israel to be without sin.

-To help all people to understand that God is without sin, and that He wants all people to be without sin.

Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:16b-18

16-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.”

17-Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”

18-And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

-In the past, God's glory was in the tabernacle that Moses and Israel built and in Solomon's temple.

-Now, as we have God living in us, all true Christians are the temple of the living God.

-Even though we may not think of this truth during our daily lives, God does live in every true Christian.

-Because God lives in us, He asks that we live a holy life together with Him even as He is holy.

-God desires to be our Father in every part of our lives.

-And He wants all of us to be His sons and daughters.