

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1-4

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2 Corinthians 2:15-3:6

¹⁵ For **we are a fragrance of Christ to God** . . .

⁵ **Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves**, but **our adequacy is from God**,
⁶ who also **made us adequate as servants of a new covenant**,
not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but **the Spirit gives life**.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

¹¹ Our mouth has **spoken freely** to you, O Corinthians, our **heart is opened wide**. ¹² You are not restrained by us, but **you are restrained in your own affections**. ¹³ Now in a like exchange — I speak as to children — **open wide** to us also.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁴ **Do not be bound together with unbelievers**; . . . For **we are the temple of the living God**; just as God said,
"I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

¹⁷ "Therefore, **COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE**," says the Lord. "AND **DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN**;

And **I will welcome you**. ¹⁸ "And **I will be a father to you**, And **you shall be sons and daughters to Me**," Says the Lord Almighty.

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¹ Therefore, **having these promises**,

beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit**,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

² **Make room for us in your hearts**; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

³ I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that **you are in our hearts to die together and to live together**.

⁴ **Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf**.

I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

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Q. 108. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That **all unchastity is accursed of God**; and that we should therefore loathe it from the heart, and live chastely and modestly whether in holy wedlock or single life.

Q. 109. Does God in this commandment forbid nothing more than adultery and such like gross sins?

A. Since **our body and soul are both temples of the Holy Ghost**, it is **His will that we keep both pure and holy**; for which reason He forbids all unchaste actions, gestures, words, thoughts, desires, and whatever may entice thereto.

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