

# Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah  
and 2 Corinthians*



## Lesson 17

2 Corinthians 6:3 – 7:1



# 2 Corinthians 5:21

**God made him  
who had no sin  
to be sin for us,  
So that in him  
we might become  
the righteousness of God.**







# ***Living and Loving***

## **2 Corinthians 6:3 – 7:1**

- I. Living Ministry (v 3-10)**
- II. Loving Reconciliation (v 11-13)**
- III. Living Temple (v 14-17)**
- IV. Loving Response (v 7:1)**

## ***Living Ministry (v 3-10)***

**Put no stumbling block in anyone's path  
Commend ourselves in EVERY WAY**

- **In challenging times**
- **In relationships**
- **In dichotomies**

# ***Loving Reconciliation (v 11-13)***





**Heat makes all  
things expand  
and the warmth  
of love will always  
expand a man's  
heart.**

**--John Chrysostom**



**Problem for  
new converts:  
Pagan background**





## *Living Temple (v14-17)*

### **2 Corinthians 14a and 16b**

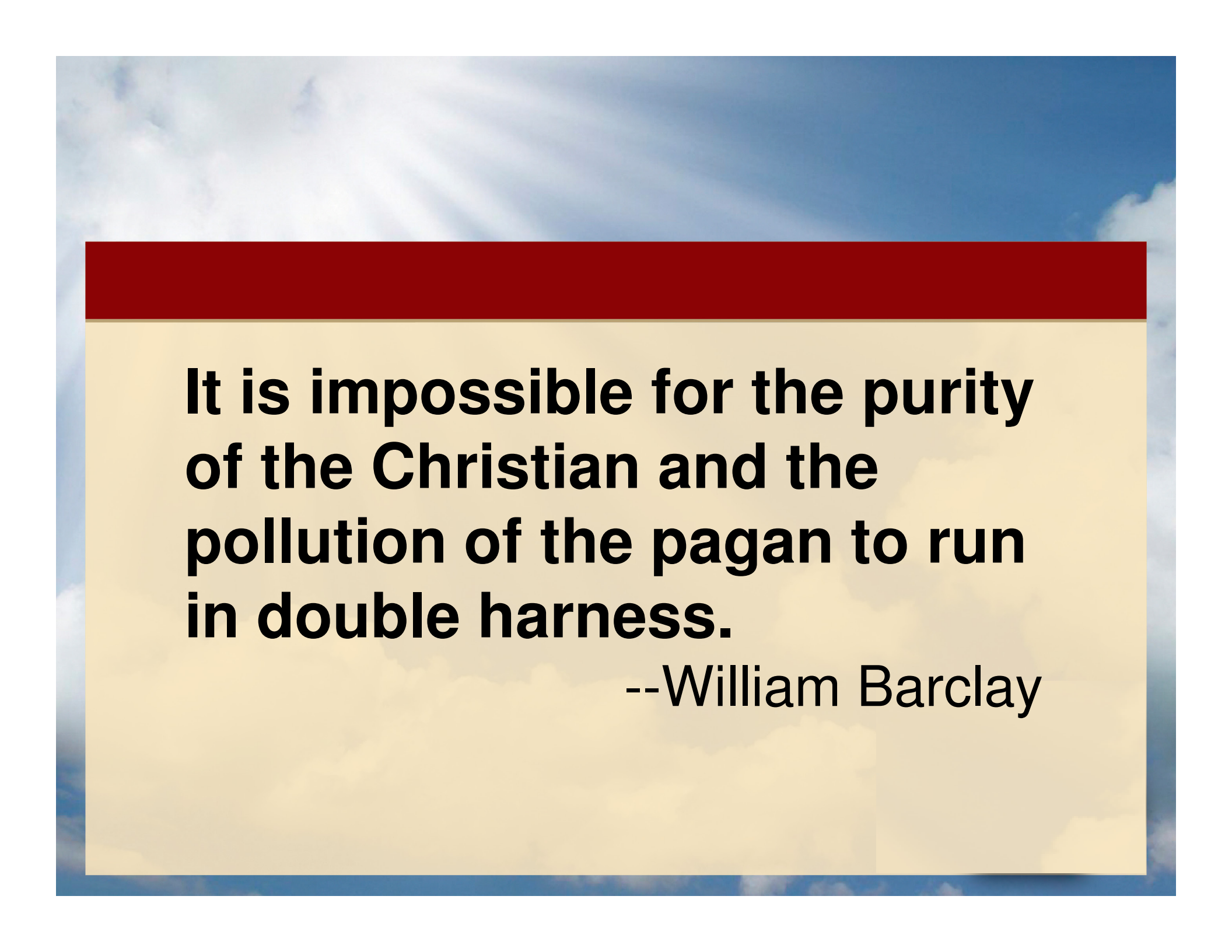
**Do not be yoked together with  
unbelievers... For we are the  
temple of the living God.**

**Do not be  
yoked  
together  
with  
unbelievers.  
(v14a)**



**Do not plow with an ox and a donkey  
yoked together.**

**Deut 22:10**



**It is impossible for the purity  
of the Christian and the  
pollution of the pagan to run  
in double harness.**

--William Barclay





**There is no call for Christian to  
separate from Christian for doctrinal  
or ethical reasons.**

**Neither is Paul requiring a wholesale  
separation from unbelievers.**

--Paul Barnett

# Some of Paul's examples

**Unbeliever's home:** If invited to the home of an unbeliever, a believer is free to attend. (1 Cor 10:27)

**Christian meetings:** Unbelievers were not forbidden to attend the Christian meetings. (1 Cor 14:22-25)

**...total separation from  
the immoral,  
the greedy,  
the robbers,  
the idolators  
would necessitate going  
‘out of the world’  
altogether.**



**--Paul Barnett  
(see 1 Cor 5:9-11)**



# **Five rhetorical questions**

## **2 Corinthians 6:14-16a**

- 1. Righteousness and wickedness in common?**
- 2. Light and darkness in fellowship?**
- 3. Christ and Belial in harmony?**
- 4. Believer and unbeliever in common?**
- 5. Temple of God and idols in agreement?**

# **Living Temple and God's Promises**

## **2 Corinthians 6:16**

**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."**

**Leviticus 26:11-12; Jeremiah 32:38;  
Ezekiel 37:27**

# God's Promises

## 2 Corinthians 6:17



**Separate.**

**Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. - see Isaiah 52:11**



**Like a skillful  
physician,  
we must practice  
"contact without  
contamination."**

**--Warren Wiersbe**



# **God's Promises**

## **2 Corinthians 6:18**

**"I will be a Father to you,  
and you will be my sons and  
daughters, says the Lord  
Almighty."**

**-see 2 Samuel 7:14a**

# *Loving Response (v 7:1)*

## **2 Corinthians 7:1**



**Purify/cleanse  
ourselves from  
everything that  
contaminates  
body and spirit**



# ***Loving Response***

## **2 Corinthians 7:1**

**Perfecting holiness  
out of reverence for God (NIV)**

**- - -**

**in the fear of God (NASB)**





# Applying the Lesson in Your Life

**What is there in your life  
that you need to root out?**



**DANGER**

**Where are their dangers  
for you to become like a  
Pharisee?**