WALLS



Our relationship with the world

Walls of protection and separation



1 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.

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

What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? (the devil)

Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

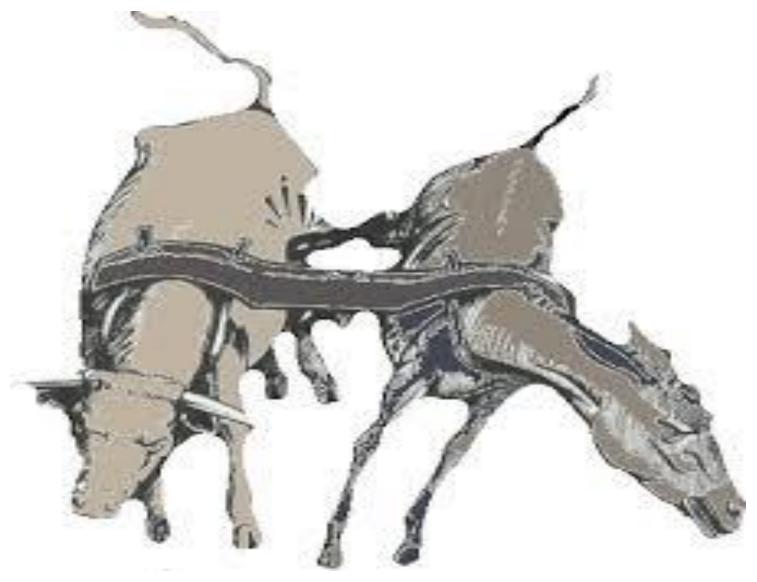
'I will live with them and walk among them and I will be their God and they will be my people.' Therefore

'Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.' And

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

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

Do not be unequally yoked



MATTHEW 11:28-30 Jesus says...



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God's holy Temple?

But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives.
God himself put it this way: 'I'll live in them, move into them;
I'll be their God and they'll be my people.
So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good,' says God.
'Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself.
I'll be a Father to you; you'll be sons and daughters to me.'

With promises like this to pull us on, dear friends, let's make a clean break with everything that defiles or distracts us, both within and without. Let's make our entire lives fit and holy temples for the worship of God.