

“Those who are outside”

[Matthew 10:16](#)

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

[Mark 4:11](#)

He replied, "The mystery of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to those on the outside everything is expressed in parables,

Col 4:5 - Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time.

[Ephesians 5:15](#)

Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

[Ephesians 5:16](#)

redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

[1 Thessalonians 4:12](#)

Then you will behave properly toward outsiders, without being dependent on anyone.

[1 Timothy 3:7](#)

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

[1 Corinthians 5:12,13](#)

For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

...¹¹But now I am writing you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a verbal abuser, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. ¹²[What business of mine is it to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?](#) ¹³God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."...

[Deuteronomy 13:5](#)

Such a prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he has advocated rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery; he has tried to turn you from the way in which the LORD your God has commanded you to walk. So you must purge the evil from among you.

[Deuteronomy 17:7](#)

The hands of the witnesses shall be the first in putting him to death, and after that, the hands of all the people. So you must purge the evil from among you.

[Deuteronomy 17:12](#)

But the man who acts presumptuously, refusing to listen either to the priest who stands there to serve the LORD your God, or to the judge, must be put to death. You must purge the evil from Israel.

[Deuteronomy 21:21](#)

Then all the men of his city will stone him to death. So you must purge the evil from among you, and all Israel will hear and be afraid.

[Deuteronomy 22:21](#)

she shall be brought to the door of her father's house, and there the men of her city will stone her to death. For she has committed an outrage in Israel by being promiscuous in her father's house. So you must purge the evil from among you.

[Judges 20:13](#)

Hand over the wicked men of Gibeah so we can put them to death and purge Israel of this evil." But the Benjamites refused to heed the voice of their fellow Israelites.

*** See end of 2 Cor 6 below ***

“Neighbor”

[Leviticus 19:18](#)

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against any of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

[Exodus 23:4,5](#)

If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again... [the enemy is a neighbor]

[Deuteronomy 22:1](#)

If you see your brother's ox or sheep straying, you must not ignore it; be sure to return it to your brother.

[Proverbs 25:21](#)

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.

“One another”

1 Corinthians 8:9

Be careful, however, that your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

1 Corinthians 8:13

Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to stumble.

2 Cor 6

1We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2**For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

3We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. **4**But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much **[a]**patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, **5**in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; **6**by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by **[b]**sincere love, **7**by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **8**by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; **9**as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; **10**as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Be Holy

11O Corinthians! **[c]**We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. **12**You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your *own* affections. **13**Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

14Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what **[d]**fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what **[e]**communion has light with darkness? **15**And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **16**And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you **[f]**are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will dwell in them
And walk among *them*.”

I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”

¹⁷Therefore

“Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.”

¹⁸“I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty.”

2 John

¹The elder,

To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I alone, but also all who know the truth— ²because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

³Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, will be with us in truth and love.

Walking in the Truth

[*\(John 8:30–47\)*](#)

⁴I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father has commanded us. ⁵And now I urge you, dear lady—not as a new commandment to you, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the very commandment you have heard from the beginning, that you must walk in love.

Beware of Deceivers

⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world, refusing to confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, ⁹but that you may be fully rewarded. ⁹Anyone who runs ahead without remaining in the teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever remains in His teaching has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰If anyone comes to you but does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your home or even greet him. ¹¹Whoever greets such a person shares in his evil deeds.

Conclusion

[\(3 John 1:13–14\)](#)

[12](#)I have many things to write to you, but I would prefer not to do so with paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come and speak with you face to face,[b](#) so that our joy may be complete.

[13](#)The children of your elect sister send you greetings.[c](#)

Footnotes:

[8](#) [a](#) NE and WH *what you have worked for*

[12](#) [b](#) Literally *mouth to mouth*

[13](#) [c](#) BYZ and TR include *Amen*.