

**HOLY MAN IN UNHOLY SOCIETY:**  
**A study in I and II Corinthians**  
AMEN Bible Study 2013-2014

**Faithful Reception of the Gospel**  
**II Corinthians 6:1-7:1**  
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**6:1-2 I. Receive the grace of the gospel.**

*"Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation"*

**:3-13 II. Receive the messengers of the gospel.**

*"We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ..."*

**:4-10 A. They are commendable.**

*"...but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: ..."*

**:4, 5**

**1. For their endurance**

*"...by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ..."*

**:6, 7**

**2. For their character**

*"...by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ..."*

**:8-10**

**3. For their confidence**

*"... through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as imposters, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything."*

**:16b**

**B. They are loving.**

*"We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also."*

**:14-7:1 III. Receive the obligations of the gospel.**

**:14-18 A. Our worship must be pure.**

*"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers."*

**:14b, 15**

**1. Sacred and unclean don't mix.**

*"For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols?"*

**:16-18**

**2. We are sacred.**

*"For we are the temple of the living God; ..."*

**:16b**

**a. God is among us.**

*"...as God said, 'I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'*

**:17**

**b. God calls us to separate ourselves.**

*Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, ...*

**:18**

**c. God is our Father.**

*...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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B. Our conduct must be pure.

1. Our motives.

◆ gratitude for His promises

*"Since we have these promises, beloved..."*

◆ reverence for His holiness

*"...in the fear of God..."*

2. Our action.

*"...let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit..."*

3. Our destiny.

*"...bringing holiness to completion."*