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Message Topic: **Doctrine of Biblical Separation**

Scripture Text: 2 Corinthians 6:14- 7:1

1. We are called to separate ourselves from unbelievers, as well as believers who don't walk after God's Word. In 2 Thess 3:6, God commands us to withdraw from every brother who walketh disorderly which is with reference to disobedience to God's Word.
2. In 2 Cor 6, the church was very carnal with a whole lot of envy and strife, and the abusing of the Holy Communion. The root of the problem is their failure to obey the command "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers".
3. Biblical separation is taught in every major part of the old testament, taught by the Lord Jesus in the Gospels, taught many times in the Epistles by the Apostles, and in Revelation in the letters to the 7 Churches. It is an ecclesiastical command for every church to believe and obey. In 2 Cor 6:14-7:1, we find it written 5 times. "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers", "Wherefore come out from among them", "Be ye separate saith the Lord", "Touch not the unclean thing", "Let us cleanse ourself from all filthiness". Biblical separation is not a denomination distinctive but a clear command from God.
4. Our Bible Presbyterian constitution in Article 6 states the principle and practice of biblical separation. The doctrine of separation is a fundamental principle of a Christian faith. This doctrine arises out of the holiness of God. God says: "Be ye holy, for I am holy". How to be a holy people? It has to come with biblical separation.
5. Biblical unity is based on the truth of God's Word and not merely on love. To be united with other Churches, we must believe in the fundamental doctrines, as well as the doctrine of separation. We need to guard in this area. Some Bible Presbyterian churches are already seeking to compromise their faith. Be careful of false preachers and leaders. Not all churches who say the name of God are the same.
6. Biblical separation is not isolation. It is our responsibility to evangelize to unbelievers and to teach other Christians the truth of God's Word including biblical separation. In our personal lives, we must live a holy life for the Lord.