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Topic: **The Christian's Separation**

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

1. In the Christian world, a fundamentalist is a person who defends and holds on to the fundamental doctrines of the Bible such as the virgin birth of Christ and His miracles, the inerrancy of the Bible etc. A separatist is a person who separates from worldly ways and sinful living to be set apart for the Lord. Hence, a true believer ought to be a fundamentalist and a separatist. We should not be ashamed of it.

2. The doctrine of separation is not a denomination distinctive but rather a doctrine from the Bible as taught in 2 Cor 6:14-7:1. We are not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. This is a command from God as righteousness and unrighteousness just like light and darkness cannot mix.

3. The basis of separation is that God is a holy God. Another basis of separation is the indwelling of God (v.16b). Believers are the temple of the living God. God's glory ought to be manifested in the lives of the believers and hence we cannot live in sin.

4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> basis of separation is the believer's relation and fellowship with God (v.17-18). We are not to cling on to sin but to come out of it. Then we have true fellowship with God. Our blessings from God will be forfeited if we remain in sin.