

Responding to the behavior of unbelievers

- 1 Corinthians 5:9 – 13
 - God judges the morality of outsiders, not us.
 - On earth, we always will be surrounded by ungodly behavior.
 - Examples of appeals: Acts 2:40, 3:17, 8:30, 14:15, 17:29
 - The need of outsiders is to recognize that their ethics have failed to provide what they seek.
- Colossians 4:5 – 6 Wisdom, grace, and wit
- Ephesians 5:1 – 14 (focusing on the parts that relate to outsiders)
 - 5:1 – 2 Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us (Romans 12:1 – 2)
 - 5:3 – 7 Do not be partakers with them
 - 5:8 – 14 Be light to them so that they may see successful ethics.
- Ephesians 5:15 – 21
 - Walk in wisdom
 - Repurpose time
 - Be filled full with the Spirit
 - Sing about spiritual things
 - Be known as a thankful (happy) person
 - Submit to one another as an illustration of your ethics (John 17:20 – 26)
- 2 Timothy 2:24 – 26
 - Gentle, patient, humble
 - Able to teach, not quarrel
 - Our correction only works if God first does His part
 - What is the meaning of “if God perhaps will grant them repentance”?
- 2 Corinthians 3:16 – 6:10 Ethics of evangelism
 - 3:16 – 4:1 Because we are being transformed, we do not loose heart
 - 4:2 Commending ourselves to every man’s conscience
 - 4:6 God shines out of us to light their way
 - 4:10 – 11 The life of Jesus may be manifested through us
 - 4:13 I believed, therefore I speak
 - 5:11 Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men
 - 5:14 The love of Christ compels us
 - 5:16 We regard no one according to the flesh
 - 5:18 – 20 He has given us this ministry of reconciliation
 - 6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God (how?)