You are blessed

2 Corinthians 7:1

7 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body[a] and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

1. Intro
2. Text
   1. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 recap
      1. 5 words
      2. Partnership, fellowship, Accord, portion, Agreement
      3. This is what we have in Christ
   2. Verse 1: What promises?
      1. We are the temple of God: He abides in us
      2. We have Partnership with God: engaging in the same activity
      3. We have Fellowship with God: friendly association with God
      4. We have Accord with God: literally we have POWER from God, granted to us in unity
      5. We have a Portion of God: we are a PART of the whole that is God
      6. We have Agreement with God: harmony in opinion and conviction
   3. Beloved: loved by God
   4. Let us cleanse ourselves: the responsibility for the believer is to continue to respond to God like you did at salvation:
      1. Surrender to Him
      2. Acknowledge your sin
      3. Seek His power to overcome sin
   5. From every defilement: These things cause us to miss the mark
   6. Bringing holiness to completion: the process of sanctification
   7. In the fear of God: out of reverence for God
3. Points
   1. You are blessed by God
      1. It is a blessing to be considered:
         1. Child of God
         2. Joint heirs with Christ
         3. Object of His affection
      2. When we are said to be the temple of God, we are brought into a new understanding.
      3. Not that God begrudgingly saves us, but that HE DELIGHTS IN US
         1. Psalm 147:10-11 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
         2. Psalm 149:4 For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.
      4. And we DELIGHT in HIM:
         1. Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
         2. But wait…there’s more

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Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

    be not envious of wrongdoers!

2 For they will soon fade like the grass

    and wither like the green herb.

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;

    dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.[b]

4 Delight yourself in the Lord,

    and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the Lord;

    trust in him, and he will act.

6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

    and your justice as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

    fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,

    over the man who carries out evil devices!

8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

    Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

9 For the evildoers shall be cut off,

    but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

* 1. You are cleansed by God
     1. God provides cleansing for you, from the sins that entangle you.
     2. Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
     3. The Joy of being cleansed!
     4. Illustration: after camp cleanup
        1. There is no greater example of this on earth than to experience children’s camp in Texas, and then go home and clean up.
        2. It feels like the best shower ever because of the great contrast
     5. Have you shared in this cleansing?
        1. There is no replacement for this relationship
        2. There is no counterfeit that will work
     6. THE GOSPEL
  2. You are empowered by God
     1. Empowered to Holiness
     2. Empowered to Life
     3. Empowered to Serve
     4. Empowered by the relationship and the reverence
        1. We are in relationship
        2. And we are in reverence
     5. This is a beautiful image of God’s faithfulness and Holiness
     6. We serve as people who are changed and sent.
     7. But don’t forget, God is not on our side, we should be on His!
        1. Joshua 5:13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” 14 And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped[c] and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” 15 And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.
        2. God is not to be manipulated or toyed with
        3. He is Holy, and is deserving of our reverence.
     8. This Holy, Exalted, all powerful God…has chosen us for relationship!

1. Close