

Outline – August 27, 2023

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Adjusting the Contrast: When Christ Becomes Clear Through The Church

I. Our world is crumbling beneath our feet

- Homelessness
- Fatherlessness
- Incarceration rates
- Mental Health
- Wealth gap
- Corruption
- Exposure of and to children
- Slavery/trafficking

II. What is contrast?

- A. Sharp differences between black and white
 1. Christians are in the world, but not of it -John 17:1
 2. No fellowship between darkness and light -2 Corinthians 6:14b

III. We are the light of the world -Matthew 5:14-16

- A. Never meant to hide
 1. Don't hide from our Savior -Genesis 3:8
 2. Don't hide our Savior from the world -Luke 9:26
- B. Designed to stand out -Matthew 5:14
- C. Called to be a beacon of hope -Matthew 5:16
- D. The church has a mission, and that gives your life purpose -Matthew 28:18

IV. We have no partnership with darkness -2 Corinthians 6:14-16

- A. Seek the source not the symptoms
- B. The works of the flesh
 - Sexual immorality
 - Impurity
 - Indecency
 - Idolatry
 - Witchcraft
 - Hostility
 - Strife
 - Jealousy
 - Rage
 - Selfish ambition
 - Carousing
- C. The Fruit of the Spirit
 - Love
 - Joy
 - Peace
 - Patience
 - Kindness
 - Goodness
 - Faithfulness
 - Gentleness
 - Self-control

V. Our personal produce – can become our focus instead of the Fruit of the Spirit

A. Self-righteousness

- Chastity
- Purity
- Modesty
- Piety
- Religiosity
- Pleantries
- Aversion
- Haughtiness
- Excessive sacrifice
- Prideful teetotaling

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VI. The only way to produce good fruit is to be connected to the vine

VII. Producing a counterfeit is counterproductive

- A. Your “righteousness” or good deeds aren’t what you think they are -
Isaiah 64:6
- B. Relying on your resume makes your sin your responsibility -Matthew 7:21-23

VIII. God alone produces good fruit -John 15:5

- A. Jesus doesn’t tell us to Do, He said it is Done -John 19:30
 1. Jesus has cleansed you of your sin (expiation)
 2. Jesus has assuaged God’s wrath (propitiation)
 3. Jesus has clothed you in His righteousness (imputation)

**The World Sees No Contrast Between Itself And Personal Produce,
But It Always Notices A Difference In The Presence Of True Fruit**