

Unscriptural Alliance Par I

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

What does the SOP say about this verse?

The Lord's injunction, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," refers not only to the marriage of Christians with the ungodly, but to **all alliances in which the parties are brought into intimate association, and in which there is need of harmony in spirit and action. . . . {Evangelism 617.4}**

While this scripture has **especial reference to marriage with unbelievers**, it also covers **all grounds of alliance with the world**...This means that the children of God are in no case to be contaminated with the spirit of the world, to receive its **evil suggestions**, nor to come under **its influence**. Be afraid of uniting with the world in **secret societies**, or of being bound in bundles with them. Be afraid of **communicating to the world that which concerns the cause of God**; for they would have no sympathy with those who love the truth of God. "Be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and my daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." **Review and Herald, July 31, 1894 par. 3**

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world** is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

God will never enter into partnership with worldlings. **2 Testimonies 149.2**

For thousands of years Satan has been gaining an experience in learning how to deceive; and to those who live in this age he comes with almost overwhelming power. Our only safety is found in **obedience to God's word**, which has been given us as a sure guide and counselor. God's people today are to keep themselves distinct and separate from the world, its spirit, and its influences. **{Councils on Health 290.2}**

Those who act a part in God's great cause are not to follow the example of worldlings. The voice of God is to be heeded. **{6 Testimonies 249.3}**

What is an unbeliever:

The commands I have quoted are not the word of man, but of God. Though the companion of your choice were in all other respects worthy (which he is not), yet **he has not accepted the truth for this time; he is an unbeliever**, and you are forbidden of heaven to unite yourself with him. You cannot, without peril to your soul, disregard this divine injunction. **{Letters to Young Lovers pg. 87 par .3}**

What is fellowship?

The word **fellowship** means participation, partnership. God employs the strongest figures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ. What communion can there be between light and darkness, truth and unrighteousness? -- None whatever. Light represents righteousness; darkness, error, sin, unrighteousness. **{Fundamentals of Christian Education 476.1}**

Unscriptural Alliances:

1 Corinthians 7:13-15 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband.. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart.

1. **Matrimonial** - Men and women professing godliness should tremble at the thought of entering into a marriage covenant with those who do not respect and obey the commandments of God. It was this that opened the flood-gates of sin to the antediluvians. **Such a connection with the world is a direct departure from God's express requirements,**--"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." {**Signs of the Times, December 30, 1880 par. 18**}

Let not unholy bonds be formed between the children of God and the **friends of the world**. Let there not be **marriages made between believers and unbelievers**. Let the people of God take their stand firmly for truth and righteousness. {**Review and Herald, July 31, 1894 par. 5**}

Marriage between believers and unbelievers is forbidden by God. Those who are ruled by passion and impulse will have a bitter harvest to reap in this life, and their course may result in the loss of their souls. {**Fundamentals of Christian Education 500.2**}

The great crime in the marriages of the days of Noah was that the sons of God formed alliances with the daughters of men. Those who professed to acknowledge and revere God associated with those who were corrupt of heart; and without discrimination they married whom they would. {**Message to Young People pg.456 par.1**}

It is a dangerous thing to form a worldly alliance. Satan well knows that the hour which witnesses the marriages of many young men and women closes the history of their religious experience and usefulness. For a time they may make an effort to live a Christian life, but all their strivings are made against a steady influence in the opposite direction. Once they felt it a privilege to speak of their joy and hope; but soon they become unwilling to make this a subject of conversation, knowing that the one with whom they have linked their destiny takes no interest in these things. Thus Satan insidiously weaves about them a web of skepticism, and faith in the precious truth dies out of the heart. {**Messages to Young People 453.4**}

In the New Testament are similar prohibitions concerning the **marriage of Christians with the ungodly**. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" {**Letters to Young Lovers 87.2**}

The Lord expressly has **forbidden His people to marry with unbelievers**. God knows what is best for the soul's eternal interest and for their present good. I warn you off from this forbidden ground. {**LYL 84.1**}

Deuteronomy 7:3-4 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. **For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods:** so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Nehemiah 13:27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to **transgress against our God** in marrying strange wives?

Ezra 10:2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, [one] of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have **trespassed against our God**, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

- 2. Business** - Others who are well acquainted with the Bible evidences that the seventh day is the Sabbath, enter into partnership with men who have no respect for God's holy day. A Sabbathkeeper cannot allow men in his employ, paid by his money, to work on the Sabbath. If, for the sake of gain, he allows the business in which he has an interest to be carried on the Sabbath by his unbelieving partner, he is equally guilty with the unbeliever; and it is his duty to dissolve the relation, however much he may lose by so doing. Men may think they cannot afford to obey God, but they cannot afford to disobey Him. Those who are careless in their observance of the Sabbath will suffer great loss.-- Review and Herald, March 18, 1884.
{**Evangelism 245.2**}

Numbers 23:20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

Some who claim to be giving allegiance to the law of Jehovah have even gone so far in Sabbath desecration as to **unite in partnership with those who have no respect for the Sabbath**. The professed Sabbath-keeper may cease his own labors on the Sabbath, but his partner continues the work. How must angels look upon this partnership, as the Sabbath observer kneels reverently before God in the house of worship, while those with whom he is united in business continue their labor just the same as on any other day! How does Heaven look upon the noise and confusion, the sound of the mechanic's ax and hammer, which ascends instead of thanksgiving, as if in defiance of his injunctions! Can the Lord regard as guiltless the man who thus unites with transgressors? {Review and Herald, November 13, 1888 par. 9}