

I have just read these two passages to you from the Scripture, and these passages, as you noticed were rather closely related. One of them was that wonderful passage of prominence that God gives us in II Cor. 6: the last part of it, where he promises to be a father to us, and to have ~~us~~ us for His sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. And he gives as a condition to this that we are to come out from among them and be separate, and touch not the unclean things, and he will receive us, and preceding that we had the statement about the detail of the unclean things. "What fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? What concord has Christ with Belial? What agreement has the temple ~~with~~ of God with idols?" A few years ago a student phoned me, who had just graduated from ^{the} seminary with which I was then connected, and he phoned me and asked me to tell him something about the Union Pacific Railroad. He said, "I understand the the headquarters of the ~~U.P.~~ U.P. RR is in Salt Lake City, and that is the ~~the~~ Mormons' headquarters. And ~~if~~ I have been told it is a Mormon railroad. Now, I am ~~on~~ on my way as a missionary to China. Are these facts true, so that I shall go, and not go on the UP RR?" Well, I told him that I ~~did~~ did not think that Christian separation meant that one should not ride on the U.P. RR. It just so happened that I happened to know that at that time the President of that RR had a wife who was known in Fundamentalist circles as perhaps one of ~~the~~ the finest Bible teachers in America. So that his ~~question~~ question about that particular RR was not in point, but I told him that I did not believe that that was what God meant, by Christian separation. And I believe that that thought is brought out in the other passage that I read to you in I Cor. 5 where he says, "I wrote unto you an epistle not to ~~company~~ company with fornicators, yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, ~~or~~ or with the coveters or extortioners, or with idolaters, for then must ye needs ~~be~~ be out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company with a man that is called a brother be a fornicator or a coveter...With such ~~you~~ know not to eat." Paul seems to make here a distinction, a sharp