

# TEACHING SERVICE

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# UNEQUALLY YOKE

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- GUIDING TEXT. 2 COR.6 :14
- IN THIS SESSION WE WILL LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING
- THE BACKGROUND TO THIS TEXT
- WHAT IS A YOKE
- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE UNEQUALLY YOKED
- THE CHALLENGES OF BEING UNEQUALLY YOKED

# THE BACKGROUND TO THE TEACHING

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- THIS TEXT MUST BE STUDIED WITH THE FOLLOWING IN MIND
- IT COMES FROM TWO OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES AS FOLLOWS:
- DEUT. 22:10. AND DEUT 22:9-10
- MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF CREATION AND THE SETTING OF BOUNDARIES

# BACKGROUND TO TEACHING CONT'D

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- WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER THE HISTORICAL/CULTURAL SETTING OF CORINTH.
- WE KNOW THE FOLLOWING:
- IT WAS A THRIVING SEA PORT AND THE CAPITAL OF THE ROMAN PROVINCE OF ACHAIA
- THERE WERE MANY CULTS AND RELIGIONS
- THERE WAS A TEMPLE WHERE APHRODITE WAS WORSHIPPED

# BACKGROUND CONTINUED

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- AND THERE WAS A THOUSAND PRIESTESS PROSTITUTES
- CORINTH WAS THEREFORE A NOTORIOUS CITY KNOWN FOR ITS PAGANISM
- PROSTITUTION THRIVED.
- Deut. 7:3-4

# WHAT IS A YOKE?

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- THE YOKE WAS AN IMPLEMENT USED TO HARNESS ANIMALS TOGETHER TO PULL A LOAD OR PLOW
- A DEVICE USED TO JOIN TWO PAIR OF ANIMALS, LIKE OXEN TO WORK TOGETHER SIMULTANEOUSLY
- USED IN THE BIBLE TO EXPRESS THE SYMBOLISM OF HAVING TWO THAT ARE SIMILAR IN CAPACITY, SO THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER. (MATT.11:28-30)

# WHAT IS A YOKE

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- YOKE IS ALSO USED IN A NEGATIVE WAY AS A SYMBOL OF :
- BONDAGE TO SIN (LAM.1:14)
- SYMBOL OF OPPRESSION. ( 1KINGS12:4-9, )
- LEGALISM (GAL.5:1,ACTS15:10)

# WHAT DOES THE PHRASE MEAN?

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- DOES IT REFERS TO FRIENDSHIPS?
- IS IT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE?
- IS IT TALKING ABOUT DATING?
- LETS READ THAT TEXT AGAIN GOING A LITTLE FURTHER THAN VERSE 14. READ VS 14-18



# SOME KEY WORDS TO NOTE

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- LIGHT & DARKNESS.(MT.5:16; JN.3:19;12:46)
- CHRIST AND BELIAL (A SYMBOL OF A DEMON/THE DEVIL HIMSELF)
- BELIEVER & UNBELIEVER
- RIGHTEOUSNESS & LAWLESSNESS

# WHAT THE TEXT MEANS CONTINUED

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FROM THE TEXT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IT IS REFERRING TO RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN A CHRISTIAN AND A NON CHRISTIAN, BEARING IN MIND THE SETTING OF THE PASSAGE.

THIS RAISES CERTAIN QUESTIONS.:

- (1). SHOULD A CHRISTIAN MARRY A NON CHRISTIAN?
- (2) SHOULD A CHRISTIAN DATE A NON CHRISTIAN?
- (3) SHOULD WE HAVE FRIENDS FROM OTHER FAITHS?

# SOME CHALLENGES FROM BEING UNEQUALLY YOKED

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- ETHICS. WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG.THE CHRISTIAN OR NON CHRISTIAN VIEW
- SEPARATION. WHICH CAN INCLUDE DIVORCE/BREAKING UP
- FALLING AWAY FROM THE FAITH.
- CONFLICT.

# CLOSING COMMENTS

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- DO YOU THINK YOU MAY BE UNEQUALLY YOKED?
- DO YOU BELIEVE THIS IS STILL RELEVANT IN A MULTI-FAITH AND DIVERSE WORLD.
- THE END.

