- C. Consist:
 - 1. "cohere, or hold together" (Bullinger).
 - 2. "hold together" "cause something to remain united" (Oxford)
 - 3. Heb. 1:1-3 "upholding all things by the word of his power," i.e., "his powerful word"Acts 17:22-28 - "determined ...the bounds of their habitation...live, and move, and have our being"
- 4. 1 Pet. 5:6-7 "careth for you"

Keep Thyself Pure

When the Apostle Paul instructed the young evangelist Timothy, saying, "neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure" (1 Timothy 5:22), he sets forth an admonition to take special care that one is not defiled as a result of taking part in the sins of others.

Two terms which deserve consideration:

(1) Keep, i.e., to guard, keeping the eye on. It denotes giving vigilant attention to purity, thus

(2) Purity, i.e., pure from defilement, not contaminated.

The admonition to "keep thyself pure" requires a standard by which one lives: as defilement and contamination are a result of what one does. As "Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33), there is of necessity a standard outlining what constitutes purity, and what constitutes defilement. Pure: "The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psa. 19:8).

Defile: "But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not the man" (Matt. 15:18-20).

Those who do "not defile their garments...they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy" (Revelation 3:4). Ret



To the brethren in Ephesus, Paul wrote, "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:1-6). As certain as there is one God and Father, one Lord, and one Spirit, there is also one body: the church. Christians have been called in one hope of their calling (salvation), and one faith (system of faith), and one baptism, common to all Christians. That one baptism was described by Peter concerning the salvation of Cornelius, saying, "Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized...And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:47-48). ret

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