

Church Discipline

Matt. 18:15-20, 1 Cor. 5, Titus 3: 9-11

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Introduction

- ◇ Several foundational truths
 - ◇ The Holiness of God
 - ◇ The Sinfulness of Man
 - ◇ Christ's Intention for the Church

- ◇ Outline
 - ◇ The Pattern for Discipline (Matt. 18)
 - ◇ The Spirit of Discipline (Gal. 6:1-2)
 - ◇ The Intention of Discipline (1 Cor. 5)

The Pattern for Discipline

- ◇ What prompted this discourse on discipline?
 - ◇ The question/bickering of the disciples (Matt. 18:1, Mark 9: 33-37)
- ◇ Jesus' correction of the disciples (2-14)
- ◇ Jesus instruction in discipline (15-20)
 - ◇ The problem of sin
 - ◇ The pattern of confrontation
- ◇ Jesus' instruction in forgiveness (21-35)
 - ◇ Forgive your brother because I have forgiven you

The Spirit of Discipline

- ◇ Four motivations for discipline
 - ◇ Go in a spirit of gentleness (Gal. 6:1)
 - ◇ Go understanding your own weakness (6:1)
 - ◇ Go because you love your brother (Gal. 6:2, Jn 13:34)
 - ◇ Go because God is holy (2 Thess. 3:14)

The Intention for Discipline

- ◇ To preserve the holiness of the Lord's people
 - ◇ Repentance and restoration
 - ◇ Disobedience and discipline

- ◇ Purge out the evil from among yourselves (1 Cor. 5)
 - ◇ The situation: public immorality
 - ◇ The judgment: deliver him to Satan
 - ◇ The reason: sin defiles the Church