

Christ Loved the Church

Discipline in the Local Assembly

Review

We've covered 4 vital "truths" concerning the local assembly to this point

1. The Truth of One Body
2. The Headship of Christ
3. The Reception Policy (Church Membership)
4. The Holy Spirit - Christ's Representative in the Church

Practical Sanctification

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a
- 2 Timothy 4:3
- 1 Peter 4:17

Purposes of Discipline

1. Expose and expel from the fellowship professing Christians who are actually unregenerate
 1. 1 John 2:18-19
2. Punish an erring believer in such a way to bring about his restoration to the Lord and to the local assembly
 1. 1 John 1:8-10
 2. Romans 7:15-25

“Discipline of Christians is never an end to itself
but always a means of effecting spiritual
recovery.”

–Bill MacDonald

Degrees of Discipline

- Matthew 18:15-17
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Avoid

- Those who are disorderly
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:11-15
- Those who cause divisions
 - Romans 16:17

Reject the Heretic

- Titus 3:10

“He who forsakes the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, who broaches false doctrines and propagates them to the corrupting of the faith in weighty and momentous points, and breaks the peace of the church, after due means used to reclaim him, must be rejected”

–Matthew Henry

Putting One Out

- I Corinthians 5:11-13
- Hebrews 10:28
- Deuteronomy 17:6
- Numbers 32:23

“Let all wait on God - wait patiently and
confidingly, and He will surely supply what is
needed.”

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How?

- With meekness
 - Galatians 6:1
- With impartiality
 - James 2:1
- By the assembly, not just a single person
 - 2 Corinthians 2:6

Those Who Remain

- Genesis 9:23

So What?

- Leviticus 11:44