

The Discipline of God's Children, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 18

B. Christ demands that the church be pure, and we play a part in that.

C. The Lord deals with holiness in the church through (Revelation 1:12-14)

1. The ministry of the Word. (Ephesians 5)

2. The Holy Spirit. (Romans 1)

3. The ministry of the people. (Matthew 18)

D. Preaching on the holiness of God and the sinfulness of sin was the power of the Great awakening.

E. A movement away from teaching the holiness of God emasculates the church and hurts evangelism.

F. True revival is people being broken spiritually. The mortification of sin is essential.

G. God wants his people holy. (John 5:19, 1 Peter 1, Leviticus 11, Isaiah 35:8)

II. The church is the place of discipline.

III. The purpose of discipline is restoration.

IV. The person of discipline is each believer. (Galatians 6:1, Hebrews 10)

V. The provocation of discipline is if a brother trespasses.

VI. The process of discipline is one on one, with two, with three or more and finally treating as an outcast.

VII. We have authority because...

A. The Father in heaven acts in accord with us. The Father acts with us because we follow the biblical pattern.

B. The Son on earth acts with us.

VIII. Conclusion. (Psalm 107:16)

Application Questions:

1. What are some reasons that churches fail to discipline their members?

2. Should churches enforce discipline on anyone who attends?

3. Why can Christians be confident when they discipline in obedience to Christ?
