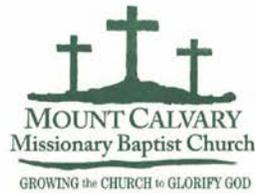


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12:00 – 1:00pm

### Discipline and forgiveness in the church Matthew 18: 15 – 35

In Matthew chapter 18 Jesus gave specific instructions to His disciple and the Church, that is to all that have excepted Him as Lord of their life. In other words, Jesus teaches us that, if we don't forgive one another, then God will not forgive us. This forgiveness that Jesus is speaking about have nothing to do with our eternal salvation, for God has already given us eternal life through the death of His Son Jesus Christ. This forgiveness is what we need for us to enjoy our fellowship with God, and our relationship with one another.

#### Discipline and forgiveness in the church part I

##### Matthew 18: 15 – 17

- I. Jesus teaches his Disciples about the process of restoring an erring believer. First, there should be a loving personal confrontation (Ver. 15).
- II. The second step is to take one or two more witness to the offended brother (see Deut. 19:15) the purpose of the extra witness is to show good faith and the right spirit in attempting to work out a reconciliation. They also would be witness to any agreement (Ver. 16).
- III. If this does not bring peace, the offended brother is to report it to the church (Ver.17).
- IV. The church then is to do everything possible to convince the believer who has sinned to be reconciled or to right the wrong which he or she have done (Ver. 17).
- V. If the erring one will not respond, that person is to be disciplined by being cut off from the fellowship.

Unforgiveness is like a leash around our neck, in other words we are very limited in our spiritually growths because of unforgiveness in our hearts, we will not grow spiritually as God desire for us to, because of unforgiveness. Forgiveness must be a part of our spiritually growth, just as we need food for our physical growth, we must have a forgiving heart to grow spiritually.

Our next week lesson we will continue: Discipline and forgiveness in the church part II

Matthew 18: 18 - 20