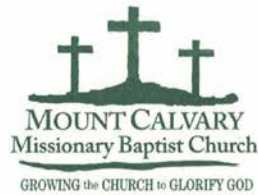


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12:00 – 1:00pm

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 accepted 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 II

Matthew 18: 18 – 20

- I. The power of binding and loosing, was shared by the apostles and other believers, see Jn. 20: 23 (Ver. 18).
- II. Binding refers to things that are not permitted; loosing refers to things that are permitted (Ver. 18).
- III. This passage specifically refers to church discipline. It is a promise for guidance for the two or three witnesses who confront the erring believer (Ver. 19).
- IV. This is the promise for the church to claim wisdom and restoration for the erring believer (Ver. 20).

Please note that Jesus gave this instruction on forgiveness to His disciples and the church. Jesus want the world to see Him through the church, the church must be a model to the world to show what Christ is like. If we try to use Matthew chapter 18 to try to develop a relationship with the unbelievers it will not work. Because the unbeliever doesn't see forgiveness as a very important part of our relationship, it will be as foolishness to them (see I Cor. 2:14). We will miss the mark, if we try to use this on unbelievers, because they will not understand how important it is to forgive.

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

Matthew 18: 21 - 23