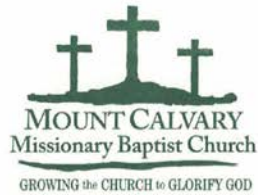


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12:00 – 1:00pm

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 III

Matthew 18: 21 – 23

- I. Peter wondered how for forgiveness should be extended for repeated offenses. Seven times? (Ver. 21).
- II. Actually Peter was being very generous in his willingness to forgive up to seven times. The traditional limit was three times, the three times was possible based on Amos 1: 3,6,9,11,13. (Ver. 21)
- III. Rather than seek a numerical standard, the believer must follow the example of his Lord, see Col. 3:13 (Ver. 22).
- IV. We who have experienced God's forgiveness are accountable to display forgiveness toward others. (Ver. 23).

Why does God ask us not to keep a count on how many times we are to forgive one another? Because God want us to remember what He have done for us. First let us look at what God have done for us. God has given us the gift of life through His Son Jesus Christ, and no amount of money, or anything else that we can do will be equal to what God have done for us. Since God has freely forgiven us, He want us to freely forgive one another without counting how many times we forgive.

Our next week lesson, we will continue: Discipline and forgiveness in the church part IV: Matthew 18: 24 – 27.