

Church Restoration

Process, Practice and Authority

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Matthew 18:15-20

15“Now if your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that on the testimony of two or three witnesses every matter may be confirmed. 17 And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, he is to be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. 19 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. 20 For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

Context - Sin

Preceding Verses

- Verses 1-6: Being childlike and causing a little one to sin
- Verses 7-9: Cut out sin
- Verses 10-15: Restoring a sinner back to the flock

Proceeding Verses

- Matthew 18-21: Forgiving sin

The Church

- Matthew 16:16-18

Matthew 18:15

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Galatians 6:1

1 Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to **restore** such a person in a **spirit of gentleness**; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well.

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Matthew 18:16

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Matthew 18:17

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Galatians 2:11-14

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of some men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and separate himself, fearing those from the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

2 Peter 3:14-15

14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by Him, at peace, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also **our beloved brother Paul**, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

Acts 5:1-5

1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and kept back some of the proceeds for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to men, but to God.**" 5 And as he heard these words, Ananias collapsed and died; and great fear came over all who heard about it.

Acts 5:11-15

11 And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard about these things. 12 At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all together in Solomon's portico. 13 But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. 14 And increasingly believers in the Lord, large numbers of men and women, were being added to their number,

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person **so as not to associate with him**, so that he will be put to shame. 15 And yet **do not regard that person as an enemy**, but admonish that one as a brother or sister.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, 19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. 20 Among these are **Hymenaeus and Alexander**, whom I have **handed over to Satan**, so that they will be **taught not to blaspheme**.

1 Corinthians 5:1-7

1 Corinthians 5: 1-7 It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality among you, and sexual immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles,** namely, that someone has his father's wife. 2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst. 3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, **5 I have decided to turn such a person over to Satan for the destruction of his body, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.** **6 Your boasting is not good.** **Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?** 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover

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Matthew 16:18-19

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build **My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven; and whatever you **bind (do not allow)** on earth **shall have been bound in heaven**, and whatever you **loose (allow)** on earth **shall have been loosed in heaven.**”

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