



# Saving...

“A study of church  
discipline”

*The erring*

*The church*

*Our families*

*Ourselves*

# How to treat those who have been withdrawn from

- In regards to fellowship...
  - When a Christian is no longer walking in the light, they are no longer in fellowship with God. It is because of their non-repenting sin
  - And because they are not in fellowship with God, we can't have fellowship with them. We are to withdraw ourselves from them
  - It is a time of sadness and mourning: 1 Cor 5:1-2

# Commands to withdraw ourselves

- Matt 18:17 – Let him be to you as a heathen/tax gatherer
- Rom 16:17 – Avoid, turn away from them
- 1 Cor 5 – Purge out, not keep company, put away
- 2 Thess 3 – Withdraw yourselves, do not associate
- Titus 3:10 – Reject a factious man
- 2 John 9-11 – Do not receive him
- Eph 5:1-21 – Do not participate, have no fellowship
- 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 – Do not be bound together, what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness
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- The whole church
  - Not just the people that think they should withdraw
  - The command to withdraw is to the Saints who walk in the light
- Those who refuse to support this effort:
  - Does not respect the authority of Christ
  - Does not love the erring as he should
  - Is not interested in keeping the church pure and free from worldly influence


# How should we treat the disorderly?

- We are trying to save them
  - James 5:19-20 – Turn him back to the truth, saves his soul
  - Matt 18:15-17 – If he listens to you, you have won your brother
  - Galatians 6:1 – Restore him
- We are to avoid (turn aside), not associate (socialize) or keep company with them in order to shame them (2 Thess 3:14)
  - Rom 16:17 – Turn away from them (avoid)
  - 1 Cor 5:9,11 – Not to associate with them
  - 2 Thess 3:14 – Do not associate with him
- Treat them not as an enemy but admonish as a brother – 2 Thess 3:15

We must love them and continue to warn them of their error

# How should we treat the disorderly?

- Be kind and love them
  - Eph 4:32 – Be kind to one another
  - John 13:34-35 – Love one another
  - 1 Cor 13:1-7 – Love is kind
  - Agape love – Acts in the best interest of others
  - Philos/Phileo love - Friendly, tender affection, brotherly love
    - We are not to love them in this manner but only by what's best for them
- Seek to restore them - Gal 6:1 – Restore with gentleness
- Be willing to forgive them
  - 2 Cor 2:6-8 – Forgive and comfort him



# Objections and Questions about Withdrawing