

# Church Discipline

Part 5

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**Excommunication**  
*To break off fellowship or communion with another.*

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**1 Corinthians 5:11**  
“But now I have written unto you **not to keep company**, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one **no not to eat**.”

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**1 Corinthians 5:12-13**  
“For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore **put away from among yourselves that wicked person**.”

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*"Excommunication is the action of the Christian church administered upon a Church member who has refused to repent of his sin and/or who has refused to recant of heretical teaching. This action is the final step of a formal and public removal of the person from the Christian church where the Lord's Supper (Communion) is denied to the person and where pronouncement that the person is not a member of the body of Christ. In other words, it is the process where the Christian church publicly proclaims that an individual is not a Christian and is kicked out of the church since the person is remaining in a state of non-repentance." - Matt Slick*

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**1 Corinthians 5:5**

“To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

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**1 Timothy 1:20**

“Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.”

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*"From other New Testament passages we can surmise that he did this by putting them outside the church, into the world, which is the devil's domain."  
- David Guzik*

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**Romans 16:17**

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

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**2 Thessalonians 3:6**

“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”

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**2 Thessalonians 3:14**

“And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.”

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***God's instruction to the church is not the same as God's instruction to the home.***

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**1 Corinthians 7:12-14**

"But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

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**2 Corinthians 2:6-11**

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*The Apostle Paul who had judged the man worthy of discipline, now judged that the discipline that had taken place was sufficient.*

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**2 Corinthians 2:7**  
"So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow."

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**2 Corinthians 7:10**  
"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

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**Luke 3:7-8**

"Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to [our] father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

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**Luke 19:8-10**

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore [him] fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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*Paul deferred this restoration to them though he expressed his opinion.*

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**Galatians 6:1**

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

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*Great care must be taken in restoring someone who has been excommunicated. To embrace them too early would be detrimental to them and the church. It would hinder them from salvation and bring the leaven of sin back into the church body.*

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**Luke 15:11-24**

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**2 Corinthians 2:11**  
**"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."**

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