

Sermon Notes

Step 4, Judgment of the Brother in Sin & the Authority for Doing the Process

Matthew 18:17b-20

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

We have studied Steps 1, 2, & 3 - trying to win a brother from sin.

Step 4, if even to the church he refuses to listen, he must be to you like the pagan and the tax-collector.

Don't hate him.

(Ref.: Matt. 5:43-44, 2 Thess. 3:14-15)

Don't associate (mix with) with him.

Consider him spiritually unclean.

(Ref.: 1 Cor. 5:6-8)

Can communicate to keep trying to get him to repent,
without mixing with him.

(Ref.: 2 Thess. 3:14-15)

This doesn't mean don't associate with sinful non-Christians.

(Ref.: 1 Cor. 5:9-13)

A group of Christians has God's authority to do this process.

God will uphold their decisions.

Their decisions should be based on God's word.

They need to be in agreement.

They need to ask God in prayer.

They need to be rightly representing Jesus.

Jesus will support this work He has given His church.

Application questions for 8/17/2014 sermon

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Do you remember the three things that were addressed as to what it means and doesn't mean to treat the unrepentant brother as "the pagan or the tax collector"?

(He is to be considered spiritually unclean. So don't associate with him. But don't hate him.)

Why is this good for the church?

Why is this good for the unrepentant brother?

Why do we have the authority to do this process?

What would you say to a Christian who doesn't want to do the process, or it doesn't make sense to them to do this process?

During the process, what are things that those involved should be making sure to do?

(base decisions on biblical truth, come to agreement, be praying, want what Jesus wants)

As you look back over the three weeks of sermons, what is the attitude to be of a person that is rightly approaching any part of this process?

Is there anything you still don't understand about the process?

Is there anyone you need to start or continue this process with?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?