

WHY WE WITHDRAW FROM THE UNFAITHFUL

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- Because Jesus Christ says to (Matthew 28:18-19):
- Deliver such a one to Satan:
 - "When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 5:4-5)
- Withdraw from EVERY brother who walks disorderly:
 - "Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from ANY brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us." (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

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- To bring the unfaithful to repentance:
- Goal is always to restore the erring:
 - "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."
James 5:19-20; cf. Galatians 6:1; cf. 2 Corinthians 4-11
- How it works:
 - Withdrawal process – Matthew 18:15-17
 - Brings them to shame – 2 Thessalonians 3:14
 - We are to continually admonish – 2 Thessalonians 3:15

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- To keep the church pure (Ephesians 5:26-27):
- If sin is not corrected – corrupts the whole church – 1 Corinthians 5:6-7
- Withdrawal takes away the unfaithful – Matthew 18:17
- Discipline causes others to fear – Acts 5:11

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CONCLUSION

As we have seen, we do not have a choice about whether or not we will discipline. We are commanded to and that is that. Those churches, who refuse to obey this command, will face the judgment of the Lord. Revelation 3:15-19

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WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT SALVATION?

- Hear – Romans 10:17
- Believe – John 8:24, John 3:16
- Repent – Luke 13:3
- Confess – Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:10
- Be Baptized – Acts 2:38
- Remain Faithful – Matthew 10:22

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