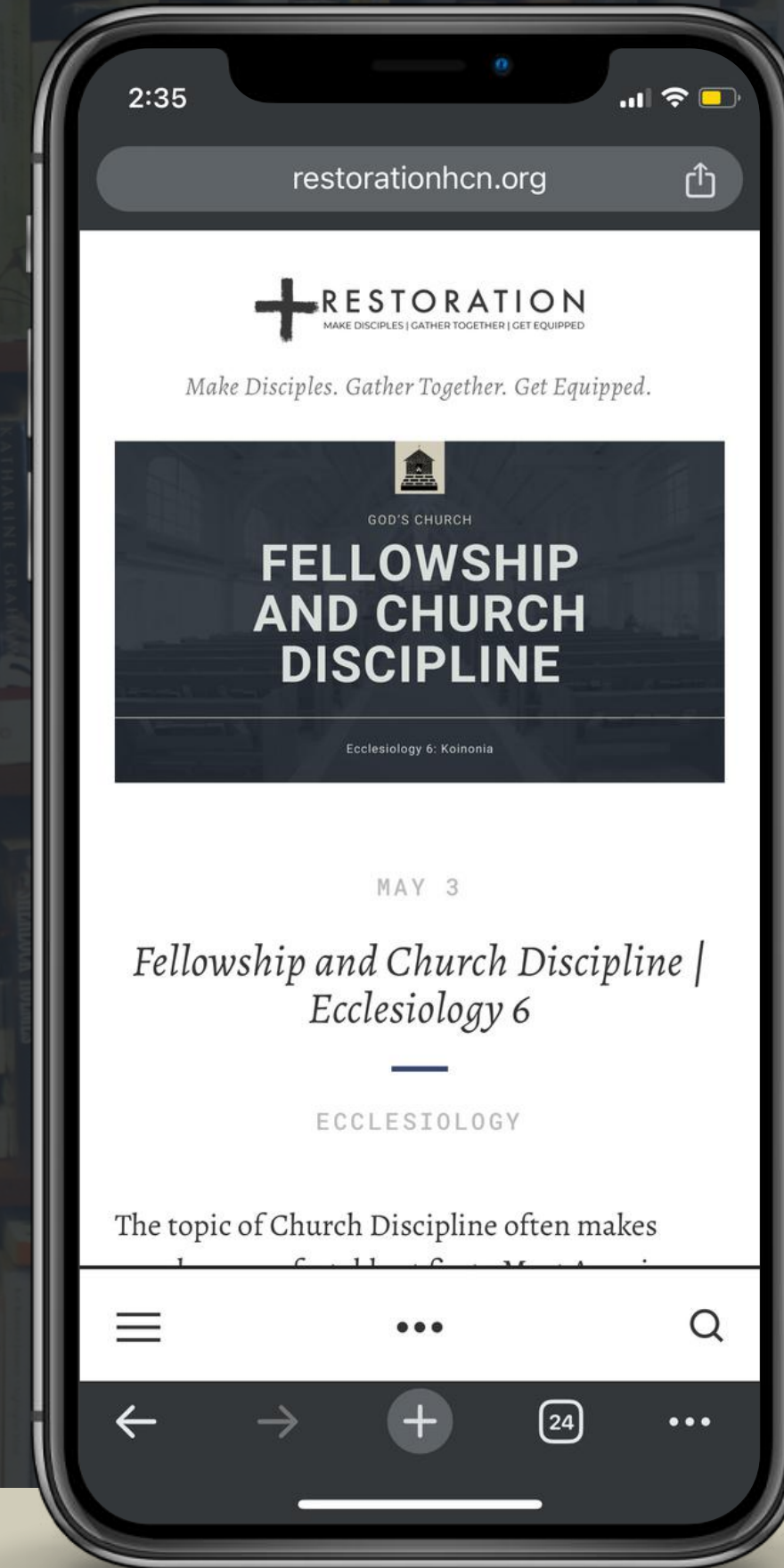




GOD'S CHURCH

# FELLOWSHIP AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Ecclesiology 6: Koinonia



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# Ecclesiology

**The Study of the Church**

Pillar of Truth

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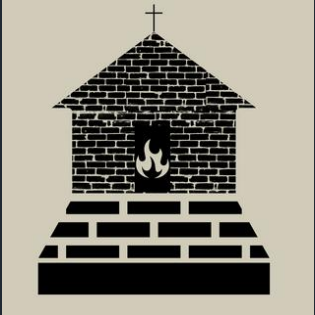
Body of Christ: Christ is the Head

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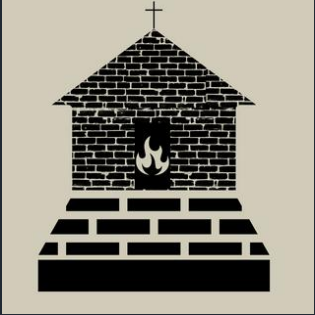


# The Church Puts Truth On Display.

## 1 TIMOTHY 3:14-16

*14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:*

*He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.*



# Christians are commanded to make disciples.

## MATTHEW 28:18-20

*18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

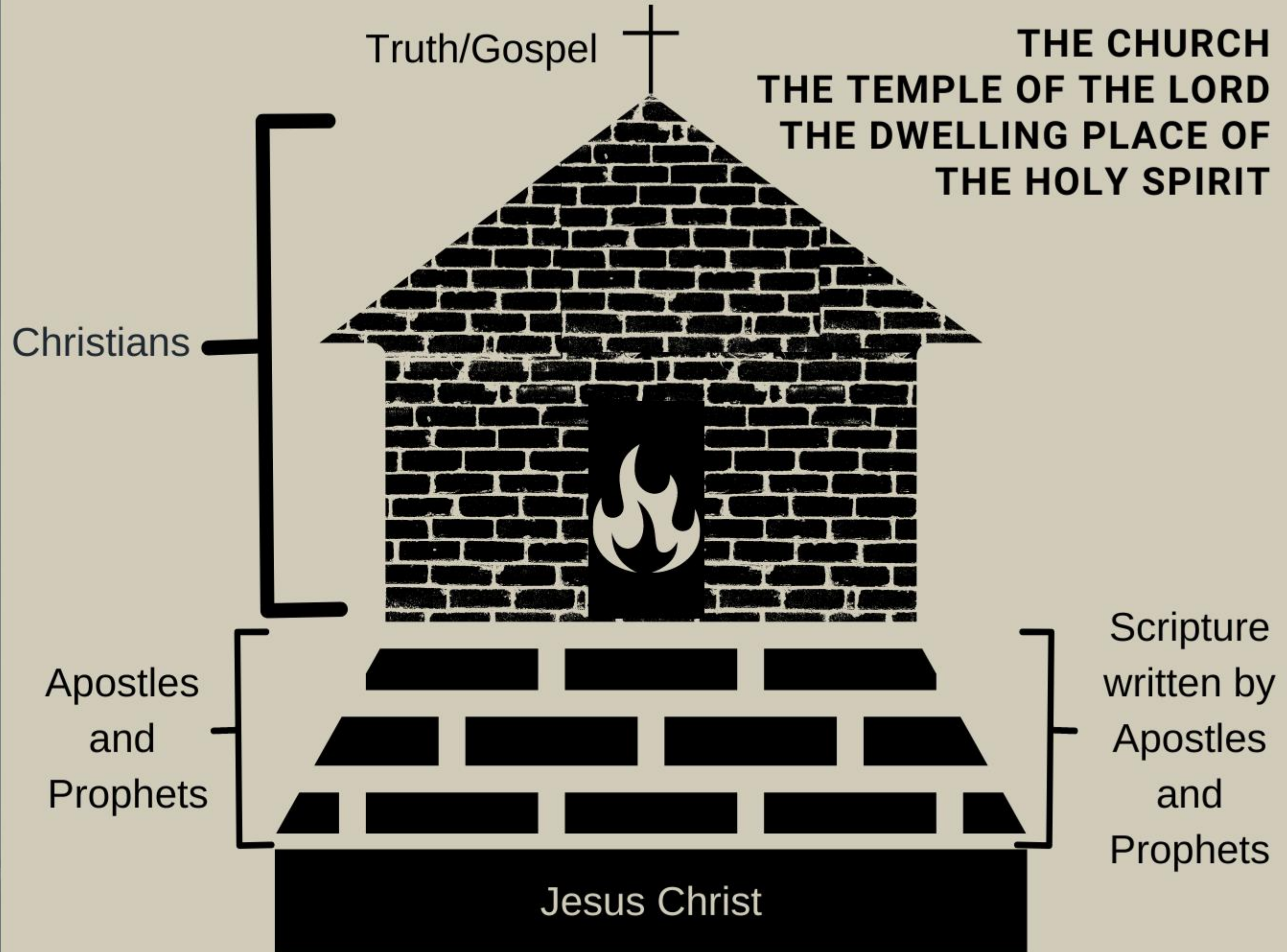


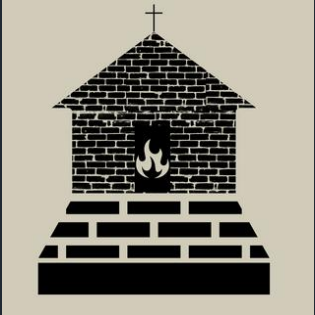


## EPHESIANS 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

(SEE ALSO 1 PETER 2:1-6)





# Christians Are Commmanded To Gather With The Church.

## HEBREWS 10:19-25

*19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*





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*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

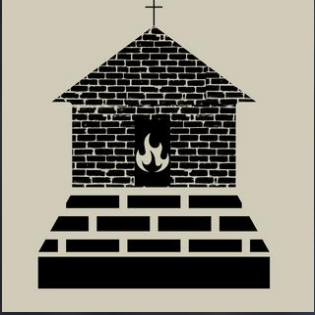
**1 John 1:5-7**



*5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

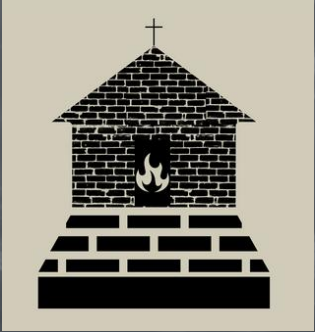
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**There is a direct relationship between fellowship with God and fellowship with His people. That which disrupts fellowship with God disrupts fellowship with His people. Fellowship must be protected.**





## *Koinonian*

*“a mutual fellowship that involves closeness, participation, and shared contribution”*

**Morphology: N-AF-S Strong's: 2842 Transliterated: koinōnian Root: κοινωνία**

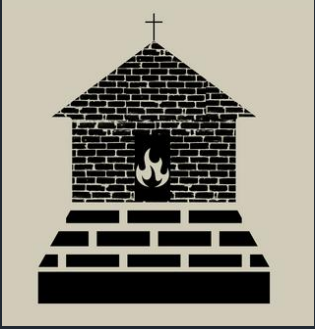
*1) fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse 1a) the share which one has in anything, participation 1b) intercourse, fellowship, intimacy 1b1) the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office) 1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship.*

*From κοινωνός (koinos), a noun referring to a mutual sharer, companion, partner*

<https://netbible.org/bible/1+John+1>

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# One Another

“...Be at peace with each other.” (Mark 9:50)

“...Wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)

“...Love one another...” (John 13:34)

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“...Love one another...” (John 15:12)

“...Love one another” (John 15:17)

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...” (Romans 12:10)

“...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)

“Live in harmony with one another...” (Romans 12:16)

“...Love one another...” (Romans 13:8)

“...Stop passing judgment on one another.” (Romans 14:13)

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...” (Romans 15:7)

“...Instruct one another.” (Romans 15:14)

“Greet one another with a holy kiss...” (Romans 16:16)

“...When you come together to eat, wait for each other.” (I Cor. 11:33)

“...Have equal concern for each other.” (I Corinthians 12:25)

“...Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (I Corinthians 16:20)

“Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (II Corinthians 13:12)

“...Serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

“If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other.” (Galatians 5:15)

“Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (Galatians 5:26)

“Carry each other’s burdens...” (Galatians 6:2)

“...Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)

“Be kind and compassionate to one another...” (Ephesians 4:32)

“...Forgiving each other...” (Ephesians 4:32)

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” (Ephesians 5:19)

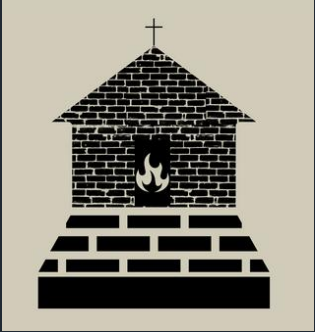
“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)

“...In humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

“Do not lie to each other...” (Colossians 3:9)

“Bear with each other...” (Colossians 3:13)

“...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.” (Colossians 3:13)



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(Colossians 3:13)

“Teach...[one another]” (Colossians 3:16)

“...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)

“...Make your love increase and overflow for each other.” (I Thes. 3:12)

“...Love each other.” (I Thessalonians 4:9)

“...Encourage each other...” (I Thessalonians 4:18)

“...Encourage each other...” I Thessalonians 5:11)

“...Build each other up...” (I Thessalonians 5:11)

“Encourage one another daily...” Hebrews 3:13)

“...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)

“...Encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25)

“...Do not slander one another.” (James 4:11)

“Don’t grumble against each other...” (James 5:9)

“Confess your sins to each other...” (James 5:16)

“...Pray for each other.” (James 5:16)

“...Love one another deeply, from the heart.” (I Peter 3:8)

“...Live in harmony with one another...” (I Peter 3:8)

““...Love each other deeply...” (I Peter 4:8)

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (I Peter 4:9)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...”

(I Peter 4:10)

“...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another...” (I Peter 5:5)

“Greet one another with a kiss of love.” (I Peter 5:14)

“...Love one another.” (I John 3:11)

“...Love one another.” (I John 3:23)

“...Love one another.” (I John 4:7)

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“...Love one another.” (I John 4:12)

“...Love one another.” (II John 5)





# As Christians We Are Known By Our Love for One Another

**John 13:35**

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



*7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

***1 John 4:7-12***



*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**





# Love Described

1 Cor. 13

Patient

Kind

Does not envy or boast

Is not arrogant or rude

Does not insist on its own way

Is not irritable or resentful

Does not rejoice in wrongdoing

Rejoices with the truth

Bears all things

Believes all things

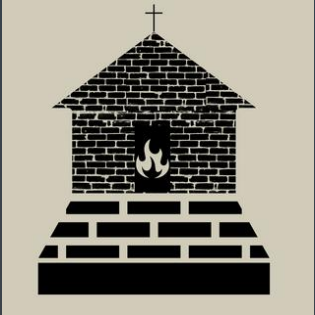
Hopes all things

Endures all things



*8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

***1 Corinthians 13:8-13***



**Love is Eternal**

**FOR THE BELIEVER, LOVE IS OF THE  
UTMOST IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE IT  
CARRIES OVER INTO ETERNITY.**

PROPHECY, TONGUES, AND WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE WILL  
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WITH CHRIST.





# Keeping Koinonia

Overlook Minor Offenses

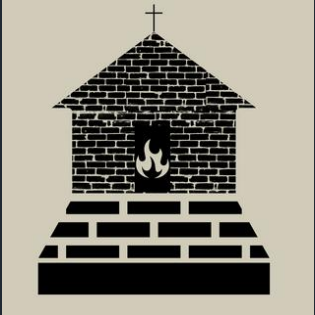
Confront Erroneous Teaching

Confront Jealousy and Selfish Ambition

Confront Sins Against You

Confess Sins Against Others

Forgive One Another



*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

**1 Peter 4:8**

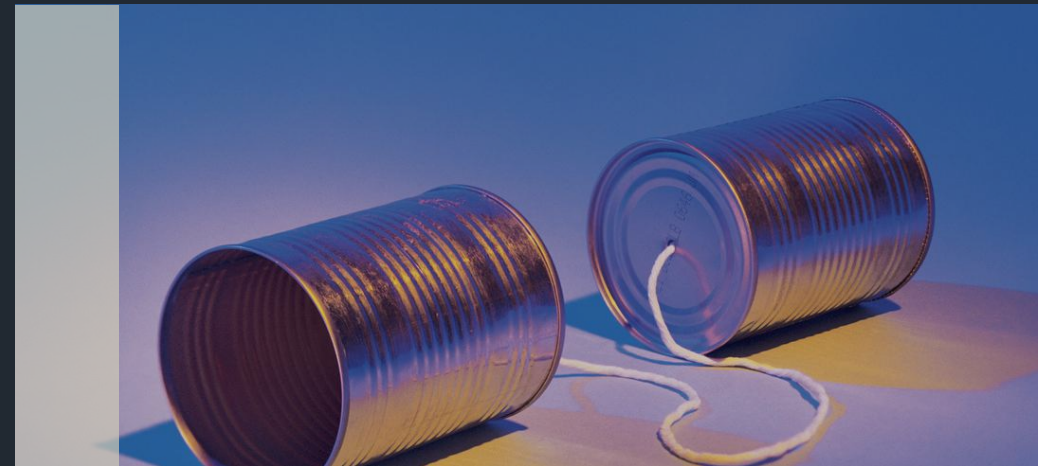
# MAINTAINING KOINONIA WHEN OFFENSES ARE SMALL



## OVERLOOK (SMALL) OFFENSES BY OTHERS

*Good sense makes one slow to anger,  
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.*

*-Proverbs 19:11*



## DON'T REPEAT (SMALL) OFFENSES TO OTHERS

*Whoever covers an offense seeks love,  
but he who repeats a matter separates  
close friends. -Proverbs 17:9*

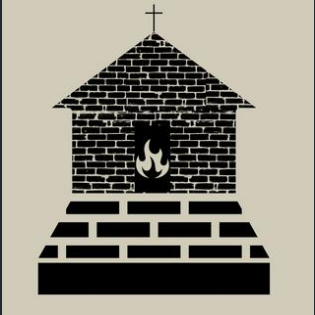


## DON'T (NEEDLESSLY) STIR UP STRIFE

*Hatred stirs up strife,  
but love covers all offenses.*

*-Proverbs 10:12*





*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

**James 1:19-20**

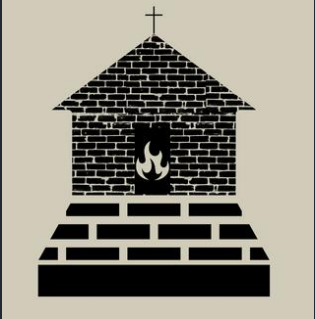


## CONFRONTING ONE WHO CAUSES DIVISION

(ESPECIALLY BY TEACHING ERROR OR FOCUSING ON TERTIARY ISSUES)

*8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. 9 But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.*

***Titus 3:8-11***



## IDENTIFYING DIVISION (JEALOUSY AND SELFISH AMBITION)

*13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

**James 3:13-18**

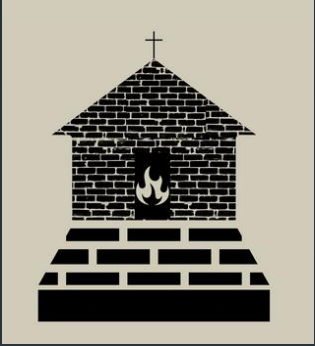




## CONFRONTING ONE WHO SINS AGAINST YOU

*15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed[f] in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

***Matthew 18:15-20***



# Matthew 18 is about sin, not conflict.

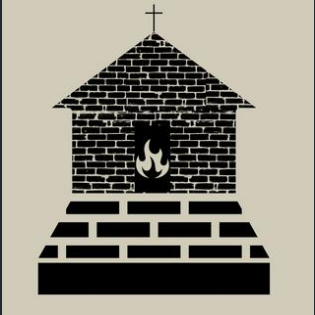
**Confrontation requires the identification of a sin.**

Many try to apply Matthew 18 when people just don't get along. Acts 15 is a better model for this situation. Just because you "feel offended" or don't like someone does not mean they sinned against you.

Confronting sin requires that you identify the sin, citing Scripture on the matter.

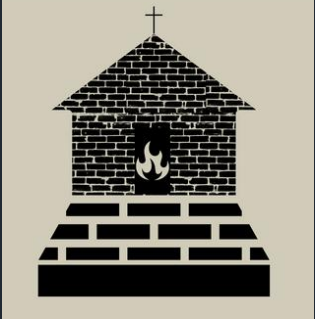
You can't "Matthew 18" a difference of opinion. You "Acts 15" a difference of opinion, or you let it go.





*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

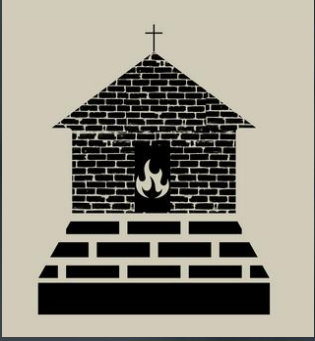
*-James 5:16*



*3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

*-Luke 17:3-4*

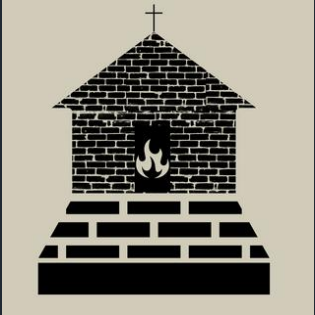




# Why Church Discipline Matters....

## The Purity of the Church Koinonia

Presentations are communication tools that can be used as demonstrations, lectures, speeches, reports, and more.



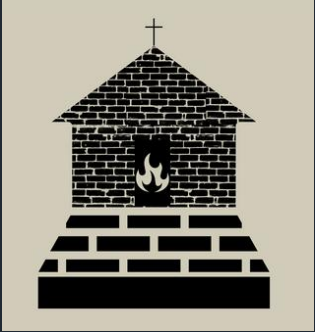
## 1 Corinthians 5

*It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn?*

*Let him who has done this be removed from among you.*

*3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 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.*





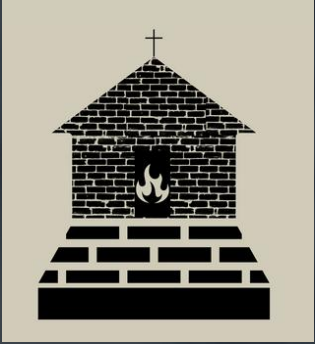
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*6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?*

*7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.*

*For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

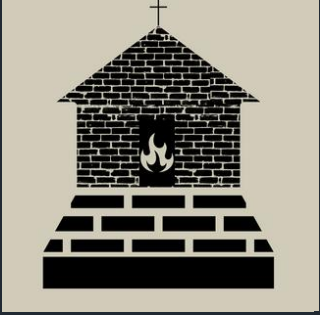
**9** I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—**10** not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.**11** But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. **12** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? **13** God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



# **Why Church Restoration Matters....**

**So That We Are Not Outwitted by Satan**





## 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

*5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. 6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, 7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.*

