

Matt 18:18 Week 55

OOOO Brother, Forgive..... Really???

Matt 18:18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matt 18:18-20 Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven. 19 Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as My followers) in (into) My name, there I AM in the midst of them. [Ex 3:14.] 21 Then Peter came up to Him and said, Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I forgive him and let it go? [As many as] up to seven times? 22 Jesus answered him, I tell you, not up to seven times, but seventy times seven! [Gen 4:24.] AMP

- The work of discipline in a believer should be undertaken with the greatest care. Done in the wrong way or in the wrong spirit, it can do great damage by fostering self-righteousness and _____.
- He was not teaching that God's power can be _____ to men's will.
- His promise is that when His people bend their wills to His, He will endorse and _____ their act of obedience.
- Belief in a God who is all love and no wrath, all grace and no justice, all forgiveness and no condemnation is _____.
- Christ's sacrifice on the cross becomes a travesty, because He gave His life for no _____ purpose.

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

- The Lord gives no command without giving the necessary _____ and authority to obey it.
- Jesus first assures His people that the Father acts with them when they work to _____ the church.
- As discipline is for the terror of the obstinate, so forgiveness and restoration is for the _____ of the penitent.

James 5:19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

- James' s objective: to confront those in the assembly of believers who possessed false, dead _____.
- The believer who is truly saved will desire to live a life of _____ and is grieved when oneness with God is broken.

It is _____

1. Forgiveness beyond the _____
Forgiveness is the stuff of true _____

Jesus taught us to trade:

- logic for _____
- mathematics for _____
- our rights for _____

God's desire is to move your hurt from producing _____ and un-forgiveness to producing _____.

2. Forgiveness beyond the _____

Final thoughts:

- Forgiveness is not _____ for the believer.
- Only the carnal nature can keep us from forgiving.
- The _____ for God's children has to go beyond the standard of man.
- The man who can and will offer Godly forgiveness has begun the journey to really understand purity and _____ the way God intended.
- Forgiveness is the most Christ-like thing a believer can do here on earth.