

# GRACE GONE WILD!

GETTING A GRIP ON GOD'S AMAZING GIFT

"GOOD GRACE CONFRONTATION"

GALATIANS 6:1-2

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**Introduction:** Today and next week, we are going to discover how a proper understanding of grace should impact our attitude toward sin and sinners in the church.

## I. The Dilemma Of Church Discipline

Matthew 7:1 “Do not judge so that you will not be judged.”

1 Corinthians 12:26-27 <sup>26</sup> “If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.”

Matthew 28:19-20 <sup>19</sup> “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

## II. What Is Church Discipline? (Matthew 18:15; 1 Corinthians 5:12-13; James 5:19-20)

Definition of Church Discipline: The confrontive and corrective measures taken by an individual, church leaders, or the congregation regarding a matter of sin in the life of a believer. (by J. Laney)

Matthew 18:15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.”

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 <sup>12</sup> “For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? <sup>13</sup> But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.”

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2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 <sup>14</sup> “If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. <sup>15</sup> Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”

James 5:19-20 <sup>19</sup> “My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, <sup>20</sup> 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.”

Hebrews 12:5-6 <sup>5</sup> “...MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; <sup>6</sup> FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

Hebrews 12:8 “But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.”

### III. The Purposes Of Church Discipline

#### A. To **Reclaim** a Christian Who Has Been Overtaken by Sin (Galatians 6:1-2)

Galatians 6:1-2 <sup>1</sup> “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.”

#### B. To **Maintain** the Witness of the Church (1 Corinthians 5:1-2)

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 <sup>1</sup> “It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father’s wife. <sup>2</sup> You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.”

1 Corinthians 5:12 “For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?”

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## C. To Sustain the Health of the Congregation (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)

1 Corinthians 5:6 "Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?"

1 Corinthians 5:7 "Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed."

1 Corinthians 5:8 "Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Conclusion