

Text: Matthew 18:15-20

Date Preached: 3 December 2017

Venue: Living Hope Baptist Church

Event: Sunday Morning service

Series: Church

Title: Church: Accountability Perfected

Context of Church Discipline (Rom 14:12; Heb 4:13; Matt 18)

Four Components of Church Discipline

- 1. Obvious Sin** (Acts 5:8-9; 8:20; 1 Cor 5; Gal 6:1; Tit 3:9; 2 Thess 3; Jam 5:19-20)
- 2. Fitting Rebuke** (1 Cor 5:1-2; Tit 3:10; Gal 6:1)
- 3. Clear Response**
 - a. Biblical Repentance (Lk 17:3-4; Eph 4:22-24; Judges 10:10, 15-16), or
 - b. Habitual Unrepentance (Dt 19:15; Gal 6:1)
- 4. Active Resolution**
 - a. Full Restoration (Lk 17:3; Gal 6:1-2; 2 Cor 2:7), or
 - b. Visible Separation (1 Cor 5:9-11, 13; Tit 3:10-11)

Five Benefits of Church Discipline

1. to **expose** our sinful patterns
2. to **warn** us of future Divine judgement
3. to **save** us from sin's consequences
4. to **protect** the other saints' reputation
5. to **present a good witness** of Jesus Christ to the world.