

“I Will Build My Church”

Part 8 – Discipline: The Loving Pursuit of Glory

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By God setting apart a people for Himself for holiness, He is making _____ between Himself and the _____.

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- “Little ones” = believers
- Consequences are dire for those who cause us to sin.
- Church Discipline = God’s loving pursuit of His own glory through the pursuit of His people’s holiness.
- **Church Discipline = Restoration**

3 Questions for Faithfulness:

1. What do we believe about the Scriptures?
2. What do we believe about the ultimate purpose of the church?
3. What do we believe about the purpose of God’s salvation?

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Romans 8:29-30 - *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also **glorified.***

Spiritual _____ comes from the preaching of the _____ of Christ.

It is the _____.

Ephesians 5:25-27 - *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ **to make her holy**, cleansing her by the washing with water **through the word**, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a **radiant church, without stain or wrinkle** or any other blemish, but **holy and blameless.***

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