

# “Jerusalem Meets Rome and Finds Babylon: A Study in Church Purity”

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## Settling Disagreement – Various Scriptures

### I. The Great Commission

- A. Mt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to **observe** all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
- B. Discipleship is not equal to evangelism and doesn't end when someone gets saved
1. *matheteuo* - intransitively, to become a pupil; transitively, to disciple, enrol as scholar, be disciple, instruct, teach.
  2. *didasko* - to teach (in the same broad application).
  3. *tereo* - to note (a prophecy; to fulfil a command); to detain (in custody; to maintain); to withhold (for personal ends; to keep unmarried); hold fast, keep(- er), (pre-, re-) serve, watch.
- C. Discipleship would include doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, 2 Tim 3:16-17
1. *didaskalia* - instruction (the function or the information), doctrine, learning, teaching.
  2. *elegchos* - proof, conviction, evidence, reproof.
  3. *epanorthosis* - a straightening up again, rectification (reformation), correction.
  4. Instruction in righteousness
    - a. *paideia* - tutorage, education or training; by implication, disciplinary correction, chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.
    - b. *dikaioisune* - equity (of character or act); (Christian) justification, righteousness.
- D. What God has called us to do, He enables us to do
1. **Admonish - noutheteo** - to put in mind, to caution or reprove gently:--admonish, warn.
    - a. Ro 15:14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to **admonish one another**.
    - b. 2Pe 1:12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.
    - c. Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and **admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
    - d. Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

- e. 1Th 5:12 And we urge you, brethren, to **recognize those** *who labor among you,* and *are over you* in the Lord and **admonish you,**
  - f. 2Th 3:15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but **admonish him** as a brother.
2. **noutheteo** is used elsewhere:
- a. Ac 20:31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to **warn** everyone night and day with tears.
  - b. 1Co 4:14 ¶ I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I **warn** you.
  - c. Col 1:28 Him we preach, **warning** every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
  - d. 1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn those who are unruly,** comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.
3. **Admonition - nouthesia** - calling attention to, i.e. (by implication) mild rebuke or warning, admonition.
- a. 1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written *for our admonition,* upon whom the ends of the ages have come.
  - b. Eph 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but **bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**
  - c. Tit 3:10 Reject a divisive (heretick - KJV) man after *the first and second admonition,*

## II. Conflict, A Fact of Life

### A. The Unredeemed Body - The Law of Sin in Us – Ro 7

### B. From Where Does Conflict Come

1. Jas 4:1-4 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your **desires** for pleasure that war in your members? You **lust** and do not have. You **murder** and **covet** and cannot obtain. You **fight** and **war**. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an **enemy** of God.
  - a. Lust – *hedone* - sensual delight; desire, lust, pleasure. *epithumeo* - to set the heart upon, long for (rightfully or otherwise), covet, desire, would fain, lust (after).
  - b. Murder – *phoneuo* - to be a murderer (of), kill, do murder, slay.
  - c. Covet – *zeloo* - to have warmth of feeling for or against, affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous(-ly affect).
  - d. Fight – *machomai* - to war, to quarrel, dispute, fight, strive.
  - e. War – *polemeo* - to be (engaged) in warfare, to battle (literally or figuratively): -fight, (make) war.

- f. Enemy – *echthros* - hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan), enemy, foe.
2. Ga 5:13-18 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- a. **Bite** - *dakno* - to bite, (figuratively) thwart, bite. (Only used here)
  - b. **Devour** - *katethio* - to eat down, devour (literally or figuratively), devour. (Used 15 times)
  - c. **Consume** - *analisko* - to use up, destroy, consume. (Used 3 times)

### III. What we call Church Discipline, but really is Brotherly love in Action

- A. Mt 18:15-20 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- B. Mt 5:21-26 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.
1. Heb 12:14-17 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he

was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

2. Ge 27:34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me-me also, O my father!"
  3. 36 And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"
  4. 38 And Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me-me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.
- C. Mt 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
1. Mr 11:25-26 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."
  2. Eph 4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
  3. Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.
  4. Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
  5. 1Co 6:7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?
  6. Pr 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.
  7. Pr 17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.
  8. 1Pe 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."