

**Restoring a Sinning Believer**

*Portrait of the church*

* Family (belonging)
* Bride (purity)
* Body (unity)
* Flock (dependence)
* Temple (dwelling place for God’s Spirit)

*Responsibility to confront sin*

* Protect the church (1 Cor 5:1-13)
* Help the struggling believer (Gal 6:1-3)

*Goal of confronting sin*

* Produce godly sorrow (2 Cor 7:8-13)
* Halt sin cycle (James 5:19-20)
* Restore to fellowship (Matt 18:15)

*Procedure of confronting sin*

* Confront in levels (Matthew 18:15-20)
* Confront publicly & validly (1 Timothy 5:19-22)
* Separate from unrepentant person (Titus 3:10-11; 1 Cor 5:12-13; 2 John 1:10-11)

*Important considerations for confronting and restoring believers*

* What is the level of sin?
* How is the restored person held accountable?
* How do we go about doing this?
  + With fear (Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor 11:29-32)
  + With gentleness, watchfulness, & love (Gal 6:1-3)
  + With grief (1 Cor 5:1-2)
  + With caution (Acts 9:26-27)

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