## Matthew 18 Lessons on Forgiveness

Main Service 2/21/2021

- **A.** For the Church v 15 20
- v 15 The Goal: Reconciliation gain thy brother

The Method: 1. Admonition - go and tell him his fault **James 5:16 Rom 15:14**If a brother stubbornly refuses step (1); then proceed to steps (2) and (3).

v 16 2. Cooperation -

take two or three witnesses = (a) the Brethren and

(b) the Bible 2 Peter 1:20

- v 19 3. Intercession two agree on earth e.g. Acts 1:14 Gal 6:1
- v 17 The Penalty: Separation 2 Thessalonians 3:6 & 14
- v 18 Indicates that 'binding and loosing' has to do with applying the 'word of God' in matters of discipline.

The apostle Paul 'bound' an offending brother in Corinth. 1 Cor 5
Paul later 'loosed' him when he repented. 2 Cor 2:1-11

This passage on Church Discipline has nothing to do with the destiny of a soul & forgiving sins as erroneously taught by Romanism (RCC) in Catechism # 553 & 1444. [pp 142, 362]

Only GOD can forgive sins !!! Exodus 34:6-7 Job 14:4 Isaiah 43:25 Mark 2:7

**B.** For the Christian v 21 - 35