

# Who is Really in Charge?

*Christ is in charge, His Word is the authority, His genuine children want to obey so, the Church must not sweep defiant sin under the rug. Chris Mueller 9-13-2020*

## Introduction:

**Numbers 15**

**Matthew 18:17** *If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.*

## A - Who is in \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Psalms 115:3** *But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

**Genesis 50:20** *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*

**Romans 8:28** *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

**Daniel 4:34-35** *I blessed the Most High...For his sovereignty is an everlasting sovereignty, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does what he wills with the host of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is no one who can stay his hand or say to him, "What are you doing?"*

## B - Aren't Christians \_\_\_\_\_ under grace?

**Romans 6:1-2** *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?*

**2 Corinthians 5:15** *He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*

**Romans 6:17** *But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed.*

**1 John 2:4** *The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

## C - How do you \_\_\_\_\_ what God wants you (and us) to do?

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** *We...constantly thank God that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the Word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.*

**Hebrews 4:12** *the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

## \* DEFIANT SIN

**2 Thessalonians 3:10-12**

**1 Timothy 1:19-20**

**1 Timothy 5:19-20**

**Titus 1:11**

**2 Timothy 3:5**

**Galatians 6:1-2** *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.*

**Matthew 18:15-17** **STEP ONE** *"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother* **STEP TWO** *"But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. **STEP THREE** *"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; **STEP FOUR** *if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.***

**1 Corinthians 5:11-13** I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

**Romans 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

**Titus 3:10-11** Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

## \* MARRIAGE

**Malachi 2:14-15** The Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant...let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.

**Ephesians 5:31** For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

**Romans 13:9** You shall not commit adultery.

## \* HOMOSEXUALITY

**Leviticus 18:22** You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

**Leviticus 20:13** If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you.

**Romans 1:18, 26-27** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

**Matthew 18:17** And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

### Take Home:

#### A - Church Discipline is designed to cause you to \_\_\_\_\_ God, and not people

**Matthew 18:18-20** "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

#### B - Church Discipline is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ you

**ONE** You are either **DISOBEDIENT** awaiting God's **D** \_\_\_\_\_ or

**TWO** you are **SELF-DECEIVED** awaiting God's **D** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 12:6, 8** For the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts...If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children.

#### C - Church Discipline reminds you of God's \_\_\_\_\_ of you

**John 6:44** No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.



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