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MATTHEW **The KING** **has Come**

“Church Discipline” **(Matthew 18:15-20 pew Bible page 823)**

The theme of the Lord’s teaching in Chapter 18 is our love, care, and discipleship of the “children” (the less mature believers) of the Kingdom. This section is a continuation of that theme, and deals with the possibility that the visible expression of the Kingdom, the church, may have to deal with those who come into the church, but who may, in fact, not belong to the Kingdom.

I. The Problem

- A. The world is fallen and lost.**
- B. In the church, we are subject to differences in both maturity and viewpoint.**
- C. It’s quite possible that even a church member may, in fact, not know Jesus.**

II. The Process (vv. 15-17)

- A. A private conversation (v. 15)
- B. An escalated confirmation (v. 16)
- C. A public call (v. 17a)
- D. A removal from the congregation (v. 17b)

III. The Purposes

- A. A brother restored (v. 15)
- B. A prospect identified (v. 17)
- C. The testimony of the church protected and clarified

IV. The Promises (vv. 18-20)

- A. Binding and loosing (v. 18)
- B. Agreeing (v. 19)
- C. Gathering (v. 20)