

*“If Your Brother Sins – Part 2”*

*2 Thess. 3:6-15; Matt. 18:15-20*

*Finding Peace in the Midst of the Storm*

By way of review, last week we asked ourselves two questions. First, “When does **Paracletos** take place?” Second, “Why **Paracletos**?” In reminding ourselves of this, we are to see “Church Discipline” as a ministry of helps. What we failed to note last week is the immediate context of our present paragraph.

The next question needing to be addressed is, “How does **paracletos** take place?”

I. How does **Paracletos** take place?

A. **Paracletos** confronts the matter (“Go and show him his fault”).

1. The nature of the confrontation

- a) **Paracletos** is to be carried out with humility (Gal 6:1).
- b) **Paracletos** is to be carried out with charity.
- c) **Paracletos** is to be carried out with teach-ability.

2. The nature of the matter

- a) It could be a matter of being unruly.
- b) It could be a matter of being fainthearted.
- c) It could be a matter of being weak.

B. **Paracletos** conceals the matter (“In private”).

Listen to the writer of Proverbs (Prov. 10:12, 11:13, 17:9).

II. What does **Paracletos** accomplish?

A. On the part of the confronted

There will always be one of two responses in confrontation.

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1. In the life of the believer
  - a) They listen.
  - b) They confess (1 John 1:9).
  - c) They put off (Eph. 4:22).
  - d) They put on (Eph. 4:24).
2. In the life of the unbeliever (Matt. 18:17).

By engaging the ministry of **paracletos**, the unruly are admonished, the fainthearted are encouraged, and the weak are strengthened. The response of listening and then what follows is to be expected, natural, and necessary.

B. On the part of the confronter (“You have won your brother”)

This is where we hope and pray all **paracletos** activity takes us. When we come along side of hurting people, we are building the body and liberating those who stand in captivity to their sin.