

ECF Position Statement on Church Discipline

We believe the Bible is the guide to all church doctrine and instruction. In it we believe that along with the teachings of love and compassion, it gives direction concerning discipline in the church. Therefore as a Bible believing, Bible teaching, Bible directed congregation, we agree that there must also be some clear, understandable and appropriate avenues of discipline in the Body of Christ which are consistent with the principles and precepts of the Word of God.

There must be a means that the Body of believers in a particular congregation can turn to in times of great concern over the action and conduct of one or more of their members; who reflect negatively upon their fellowship with one another and upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world at large.

There must be clear guidelines to follow, which are consistent with the teaching of the Bible, in order that they might deal with the issues at hand and continue to maintain order and achieve the goals of the kingdom in the lives of those involved.

Therefore, we have established such guidelines and procedures in the Body of believers here at Ecclesia to accomplish that which God desires to do among us. We trust the guidelines will be a source of encouragement to our members. In Romans 13:3 it states, "For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you."