

## Corrective Care

### **What is Corrective Care?**

- The process of accountability within the church that may result in the removal of a church member from membership b/c of unrepentant sin.

### **What is the purpose of Corrective Care?**

- To rescue the sinning brother or sister.
- To protect the rest of the church from the influence of unrestrained sin.
- To purify the church so that we have a good witness before the watching world.

### **When is Corrective Care needed?**

- When the sin of a professing Christian (church member) is outward, serious, and unrepentant.

### **How should Corrective Care be carried out?**

- In a spirit of love with a desire to restore the sinning brother or sister.
- Normally it should be carried out in several patient stages as described in Matthew 18:15-20 (private confrontation, group confrontation, church confrontation, removal from membership).
- In some situations this process may need to happen more quickly as we find in I Corinthians 5:1-11 where the sin is much more public and dangerous to the church and to the public gospel witness of the church.