

New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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"...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation..."

(2 Tim. 3:15)

Biblical Forgiveness

{Gal. 6:1}

v.1) "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a <u>fault</u>, ye which are <u>spiritual</u>, <u>restore</u> such an one in the spirit of <u>meekness</u>; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." [KJV]

- "Brethren" [Grk.] adelphos: connected from the womb; refers to a brother literally or figuratively.
- Paul is alluding to the type unity and peace that should exist among Christians. [Ps. 133:1; Ps. 84:1-3]
- "fault" a slide or slip; either accidentally or willfully.
- This shows us that Christians are not immune to sin. [Gal. 2:11-13]
- "spiritual" Paul is calling on a certain group inside the church to address this issue. He expects the mature Christians to handle these internal issues.
- He has already laid out what it means to be spiritual. [Gal. 5:22-24]
- "restore" to repair, to adjust, to fit or to frame.
- God desires that His church handles its internal differences. [Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Tim. 5:19,20]
- A church grows in direct proportion to how it deals with its internal sin.
- "meekness...considering thyself lest thou also be tempted" one of the most vital parts of correction is the correct approach. We are never given the liberty to lose our compose and lower our Christian standards under any circumstances. [Col. 4:6; Eph. 4:15; Prov. 15:1]

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