

3 Christianity is community in Jesus Christ + thru J.C.
Bonhoeffer "Church of Θ that is in Corinth"

Why does this matter? Your ethic/lifestyle/moral life
is formed by your community Henri Bergson ►

Church of Θ (alternative community) in Corinth

➡➡➡ The community you choose forms the person you
become!

① The Nature of Church Discipline

☞☞☞ Context, Cf. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 ... 2 Cor. 2:17

1. It is under the Authority of the
Word of Θ 2:17 Formal/Informal

☑ Paul's Apostolic authority ► Author
of Scripture by Inspiration of Holy
Spirit 1 + 2 Corinthians, etc. 2 Tim. 3:16

☑ Scripture sets forth the moral beauty,
standard, of Θ 's Holiness

☑ Under but not beyond Scripture

➡➡➡ Xtian = person under authority of Θ 's Word

2. Led by Ministers of Gospel/elders,
reinforced by the congregation

3. Aims at full forgiveness and restoration

"forgive and comfort him" 2:7-10

☑ forgiveness + comfort

☑ in the community

Notice ... how different this is from
Contemporary Communities today of
shame, exclusion, contempt w/o forgiveness

4. Confronts + Confounds Satan's design
to pollute community by sin, or divide
community by lack of forgiveness

5. Brings glory to Θ ► ultimate end ►
by being a community that models
His holiness and grace.

➡➡➡ Mark of a True Church !

Easy for you as Pastor, "authority" leading
discipline! No... My ordination vows

In submission to Presbytery

In mediation process

② The Hardness of Church Discipline

- ☑ Hard for the Leaders Paul's anguish 2:1-4
"Nothing to offer but blood, toil, sweat + tears"
- ☑ Hard for the Person being disciplined vs 6-8
- ☑ Hard for the Congregation: ~~much~~
The pain the sin causes 2:5, the
challenge of "towing the line"
and the hardness of forgiveness + restoration

How?

③ The Sweetness of Church Discipline

☰☰☰ Triumphant Procession of Apostles +
Gospel of Jesus

✳ Aroma of Jesus, life, sweetness to
those being saved

✳ Aroma of Jesus, fragrance of death, to
those who are perishing

= Jesus, our Love for Jesus, the Beauty of
Jesus, The Authority of King Jesus through
His Word,