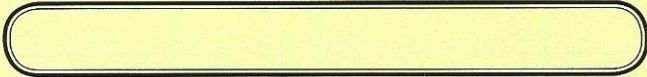


**THE
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ASSEMBLY**



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THE TEXT

“Moreover **if thy brother** shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: **if** he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But **if** he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And **if** he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but **if** he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven:** and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That **if two of you** shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three **are gathered together (have been gathered) in My name,** there am I in the midst of them.”

The Local Assembly

Matthew 18:15-20

1. Recognition of the
Lordship of Christ.
"In My Name..."
Total abandonment of **Denominationalism.**
2. Recognition of the
Local Nature of the Church.
"Are gathered together..."
Total Attachment to the Assembly as the scriptural judgment
on **Sectarianism.**
3. Recognition of the
Loyalty of the Local Church.
"Having been gathered..." (passive voice gk.)
Total Abnegation of **Emotionalism.**

"For where two or three are gathered together in My Name..."

4. Recognition of the
Latent Power in the Local Church.
"If..." (note 5 of them!)
Total Indictment against **Liberalism.**
5. Recognition of the
Legitimacy of the Local Church.
*"Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound
in heaven."*
Total Repudiation of **Ecumenicalism.**
6. Recognition of the
Life of the Local Church
"If two of you."
Total Condemnation of **Clericalism.**
7. Recognition of the
Links in the Local Church.
"...thy brother."
Total Renunciation of **Individualism.**

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