

cease to be the assembly of God at all. "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee?" Can Christ be said to ratify unrighteousness?

One might be tempted to say, How shall we distinguish between a mistaken and an unrighteous judgment? But this question is like saying, "How can I tell between good and evil?" The word and conscience must decide in each particular case. The important thing being not to go on with unrighteousness, while we can bear with what we believe to be a mistake.

It might occur to some, that if a local assembly judged, as they thought, wrongly, an appeal might be made to another local assembly. For example, to restore a person wrongly put out. This has no more scripture for it than any Romish corruption. On the face of it, it denies the practical oneness of the two meetings. To entertain the question refuses that there is one body and one Spirit. If the Lord's table be one, both meetings are bound when one acts, so that appeal is impossible. If they can revise one another's judgments the unity of the Spirit does not exist there, they are but independent meetings.

Suppose a local meeting to be unrighteous, and Christ no longer to be in the midst, the reception of a person put out by that meeting denies its fellowship with the meeting receiving that person. There is no discipline towards a meeting as such. Fellowship with it may be refused, which is a denial of its being the expression of the body of