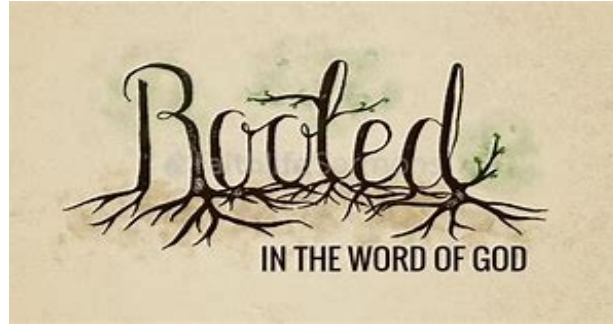




Lewiston Church of Christ

October 25, 2020



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTER

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Education – Rick Richardson

Finance – Tom Hill

Outreach – Mark Whittaker

AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee' Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

Church Clarity!

“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.” ~ Martin Luther (1483–1546).

Jesus' church in 2020 must make two things abundantly clear. WARNING! These clarifications can get us into hot water in 2020. Here goes anyway!

1. We affirm our undiminished dependence on Jesus as our Head and on God's word as our authority and guide above any other authorities.
2. We affirm our undiluted independence of any and all movements, denominations, or systems that may claim church status but do not follow Jesus as Lord or God's word as infallible and authoritative.

2 is not a condemnation of others. We leave that to God. It simply clarifies our independence from ties that bind us to anything or anyone who stands contrary to God and His word. For instance, Pope Francis has a right to his opinion about same-sex civil unions. But his endorsement of sin has zero to do with Jesus' church.

#1 puts God and His word above all earthly authorities, including ourselves and our own fallible hearts. God's will stands more clearly revealed in His word than in our preferences, traditions, prejudices, and opinions. We are humbly open to correction but that correction must be rooted in Scripture. In 1521, when a monk named Martin Luther stood before a "church" council under pressure to recant his teachings, he said:

“Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God.”

The excellent quotes by Martin Luther above do not call us to follow him. We are Jesus' church—He is our Head! We follow Him only! While we were yet sinners, Jesus paid our sin-debt on the cross. We admit our sin but we do NOT endorse sin. Rather, we humbly and lovingly offer the gospel of repentance and forgiveness to all sinners because that is what Jesus commissioned His church to do.

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