



Lewiston Church of Christ

May 20, 2018



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Ken Vogtman – Building

Custodian – Jennifer Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

Secretary – Renee’ Hill

Are You Worthy?

Since my baptism in 1963, I have participated in the Lord’s Supper some 2,800 times. This number is meaningless but every single meal was meaningful beyond measure.

Before many of those communion meals, I heard the following passage read aloud: “...whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 11:27).

This passage taught me to take my decision to participate in Lord’s Supper very seriously. The spiritual stakes are high! The passage above goes on to say, “But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (vs. 28).

Throughout church history, leaders have struggled to decide who is qualified to participate in the Lord’s Supper or not. Some have fallen for the temptation to use access to the Lord’s Supper as leverage for undue power over church members. Others simply wanted to ensure that the meal would be taken seriously. Controversy was common.

For example, in 1630 when a thousand Puritans arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, only 30 qualified to partake of the Lord’s Supper at the Salem church. Even their leader, John Winthrop was excluded. Also, in 1809, Alexander Campbell objected to the strict Presbyterian policies imposed on ministers regarding who could preside at the Communion table. Campbell saw no scriptural grounds for these regulations and took steps break free of them. He wanted to practice church life solely on terms made clear in the New Testament.

Each Sunday in our congregation, we call on each person to examine themselves in earnest and seek a clear understanding of what Jesus did to make sinners like me (and you) worthy to partake of His body and blood. It is not for others to pick and choose who is qualified for this sacred meal. It is for each baptized believer to take this decision to heart and look only to Jesus (not ourselves) to make us “worthy.”

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