



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## May 16, 2021

### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

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## *Differences Matter!*

*“If red touches yellow, yer a dead fellow.  
If red touches black, yer okay, Jack!”*

This lyric was quoted to me by a seven-year-old boy explaining the difference between various snakes. It becomes more than a cute lyric if you just sustained a bite! Suddenly, color combinations take on more than just aesthetic significance. Differences matter.

Or do they? Are there essential differences between women and men? Do all the world's religions teach the same basic things in different ways? Is morality just a meltdown of feelings and preferences or do right and wrong really exist?

Christians are called to think clearly. The apostle Paul asked, “How will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes?” (1 Corinthians 4:7).

Good and evil are not the same. Neither are love and lust, no matter how much Hollywood tries to blend them. Here's the truth: you can't have your own personal truth! Reality can bite you regardless of your personal perceptions about reality. Fog up your own mind if you please but men and women are still wonderfully different. You can have your own opinions but you cannot have your own reality. Differences matter, and not just on snakes.

All medicines are not the same. Change doctors if yours thinks so. Hungry hikers should know the difference between mushrooms that nourish and mushrooms that kill. Hungry hitters need to see the subtle differences between fast balls and curves. Voters need to discern a difference between candidates or parties. Soldiers need to detect the difference between friends and foes; civilians and combatants.

This call for clarity applies in the spiritual realm most of all. There is an eternal difference in the destiny of those who repent and follow Jesus, and those who don't.

Joel Solliday