



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## October 17, 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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## The Cross and the Table.

Looking at a cross, you can physically see both vertical and horizontal dimensions. The vertical post intersects with a horizontal post. In a word, they cross! This dimensional combination is crucial far beyond the physical sight of the cross.

When Christians commune at the Lord’s table, we are called to remember the cross. This calls up vertical and horizontal dimensions to consider. Like the cross, the Lord’s Supper is not one-dimensional. In it, we remember God’s plan for His Son to leave heaven and come down to earth to give His life for the forgiveness of our sins.

As sinners, we were alienated from the Father. Jesus’ death on the cross pays forward our sin-debt to reconcile us with God. Jesus took the punishment for sin that you and I deserved upon Himself. The love for sinners that Jesus demonstrated on the cross began in heaven and came down to earth, bringing harmony between us and the Father. That’s the vertical dimension.

The sacrificial love that led Jesus to the cross must also inspire His followers to love each other, even those who have sinned against us. If you have a beef with a fellow believer, then the Lord’s Table becomes an altar upon which you must sacrifice that “beef.” Just as the cross was God’s instrument to forgive sins, so the Table is His instrument to bring harmony to Christians at the horizontal level.

Jesus took our guilt upon Himself on the cross. Therefore, we must bring our horizontal gripes and grudges to the Lord’s table and leave them there. Otherwise, our vertical worship is vain. Communion is not just about you and God, it’s about us and God. It’s also about us and each other. It’s a table of remembrance and fellowship, with huge heavenly and earthly implications. We were at odds with God and Jesus bridged that vertical gap. If you are at odds with a brother or sister, you need to bridge that horizontal gap.

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