



Lewiston Church of Christ

December 31, 2017



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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Why Not Today?

In the story, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, it took three scary visitors to turn a bitter old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge into a new man with a new mission:

- ◆ The Ghost of Christmas Past.
- ◆ The Ghost of Christmas Present.
- ◆ The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come!

As 2017 draws to a close, we all need a visit from these same three specters to help us see beyond our selfishness! Why not today?

- ◆ The last day of the old year is a good time to reflect on the **past** with all its joys, sorrows, and lessons learned. But an honest look backwards will humble the best of us. We have sinned so much!
- ◆ New Year's Eve is also a fine time for festive celebrations and high hopes for the **future**. But it's a future beyond our control. Without God, we cannot hope for anything beyond to specter of death.
- ◆ And today, while looking backward and forward, don't forget to embrace the present for all it is worth. And just what is it worth without the faith and hope that comes from trusting God? Trusting ourselves alone won't cut it.

Selfish people are hard to change. I know. Christians believe that godly change begins with our repentance and God's forgiveness. From there, His Holy Spirit is essential to carry out this change process. And real repentance is three dimensional. The **past** reveals how sinful and undeserving we are. The **present** is a gift we treasure with humility because but cannot hold on to no matter how hard we try. And the **future** is the scariest specter of all. Without God, we cannot hope to be more than a mere statistic in the end—a rather meaningless one at that.

With change swirling around us as time marches on, let us seek the change that comes only through our repentance and God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Unlike you and me, Jesus is "the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). He is our only hope. He calls us to repent and cling to Him forever and when we do that, we will never be the same!