



Lewiston Church of Christ

September 9, 2018

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

ELDERS

Doyle Dawes: 208-836-5718

Cal Groen: 208-602-8165

Randy Thornton: 208-758-3289

DEACONS

Mark Whittaker-Outreach

Tom Hill-Finance

Rick Richardson-Education

AREAS OF SERVICE

Joe & Carrie Bieren – Fellowship

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Cody & Doyle Dawes- Grounds

Ken Vogtman – Building

Custodian – Jennifer Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

Secretary – Renee’ Hill

Lewiston church of Christ
302 Southway Ave
Lewiston, Idaho 83501
Phone: (208) 743-2711

Email: office@lewistonchurchofchrist.org
Web Site: www.lewistonchurchofchrist.org
Joel: minister@lewistonchurchofchrist.org



Great Question!

I am amazed at the response of John the Baptist’s audience to his pointed preaching. After proclaiming the urgency of “repentance for the forgiveness of sins”, John called his audience a “brood of vipers” fleeing from God’s wrath. He pulled no punches.

Admittedly, I probably would have taken offense—to my own shame.

John the Baptist quoted Isaiah’s prophecy about a voice crying in the wilderness and an approaching upheaval after which all flesh would see God’s salvation. John warned them, “Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Luke 3:9).

A surge of urgency filled the air. To their credit, John’s audience seemed to grasp how badly they needed to repent and seek forgiveness. Gripped by John’s warnings, they asked, “What shall we do?”

Great question!

John did not tell them to stew over past sins. He did not advise them to submit grievances or get angry at other sinners. He did not call for systemic change but personal transformation. Instead of changing the course of history, he preached that they should change their hearts and deeds. He made it clear that getting things right with God included getting things right with others. John did not just tell them how to feel, but what to do! He challenged them to share with others, treat them fairly, and stop lying or cheating for personal gain. In short, stop acting like vipers!

Repentance is NOT repentance until it begins to bear godly fruit.

Joel Solliday