

# Lewiston Church of Christ

## June 11, 2023



MESSENGER *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*



### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM  
Sun. Day/Evening Groups  
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

### MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

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Joe Bieren

Doyle Dawe

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Education: Shawn Bolm  
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Building: Ken Vogtman  
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### **Monthly Service Schedules:**

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## By All Means

Jesus' church must never be shackled with limits and restrictions that have no basis in scripture. Our mission calls for the freedom to advance the gospel by all godly means necessary. But how can we know what is godly?

Good question. The apostle Paul has a good answer:

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age."  
(Titus 2:11-12)

God's grace is our master teacher. We are lost without it. We do not need harsh human prohibitions and meaningless mandates as if rigid religious rules could make us godly. Only Jesus, the personification of God's grace, can do that. Having been a Pharisee, Paul was all too familiar with their graceless approach to godliness. Having met the Risen Lord, Paul knew a better way forward.

The grace of God paves the way toward godliness and away from perversion better than any substitute teacher. It sets us free to pursue the progress of the gospel in every way that is godly. Clearly focused on his call to evangelize, Paul wrote, "I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22).

The phrase, "by all means," reflects Paul's unstoppable commitment to fulfill his God-given mission to reach as many people as possible with the hope of eternal life. It did not authorize Paul to use ungodly means nor did it sanction any crippling bans or restrictions on him or his fellow workers. God's grace was his guide.

The power of God's grace stands to this day. Our standards for godliness rise far higher under the guidance of grace than under any human system that imposes rules and restrictions designed to manufacture our own righteousness. God's grace is all-sufficient. What we often lack is the willingness to let it be our master teacher. JMS