

Lewiston Church of Christ

July 16, 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

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The *Dream* Church

When I was single, I had a dream wife. She was wonderful. I thought of her often and loved her a lot with a heart full of hope. One problem: she did not love me back. She didn't even exist. Other than that, she was perfect.

Some Christians have a dream church. They love her dearly. She never gripes or complains. Everyone thinks alike and no one disagrees. There are no hypocrites. Her form is perfect. The only problem is; she does not exist. In his classic book, Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

"He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial."

It feels high-minded to love an ideal. Such "love" tends to take on superior airs. This often translates into hanging harsh judgments over those who fall short of the dream or ideal that we love so dearly. Under the pretext of holding high standards, our love has a hard time coming down to earth.

Plus, it is easier and safer to love a dream than real people. However, Jesus' church is just that—real people. And real love welcomes the challenge! Jesus is our standard! He did not die for a mere dream or perfect pattern. His purpose was personal. He died for real sinners who can be difficult to love. He came down to earth and loved us anyway.

Today, I don't miss that dream wife at all. I have a wife who actually loves me in return, often in spite of my flaws. And she exists!

Joel Solliday