

Lewiston Church of Christ

July 2, 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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Show Some Grace

A formula for interpreting Scripture that focuses on “commands, examples, and necessary inferences” is inadequate. Why? Because the aim of Scripture runs much deeper than telling us what we can or cannot do. Its’ purpose is to transform us, inside and out.

We hinder the Holy Spirit when we impose human formulas to shape our interpretations of Scripture. Authoritarians may not get this but God’s word also overflows with deep wisdom, heartfelt worship, rich narrative, challenging sermons, hymns, beatitudes, epiphanies, parables, prayers, psalms, personal salutations, fair warnings, gift guidance, accurate history, hopeful eschatology, uplifting epistles, genealogies, poetry, mentoring, festive feasts, holiday celebrations, and much more. All this not only calls us to obey God but also to love Him with every fiber of our being. It roots our love for others in the love He first showed us.

As for biblical commands, examples, and inferences, we need to handle them humbly-- not using our interpretations selectively to condemn or control others. Understanding God’s word will keep God on His throne and keep us off. None of us come near keeping all the commands, following all the examples, or drawing unbiased inferences. Let us show some grace.

An earnest study of God’s word will make forgiveness your top priority and gratitude your main motivation. God’s Holy Spirit will not fail to convict an honest student of Scripture in the way he or she needs to be convicted. Never ignore God’s commands, examples and inferences but do not presume you can keep them apart from the transforming grace of God and the abiding power of His Spirit.