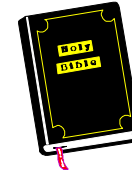


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## UNWORTHY ISN'T UNWORTHILY

If the body doesn't get sufficient vitamin C, it will get scurvy, a deficiency disease, and possibly die. The Lord warned of a similar *spiritual* condition: “**For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.**” (1 Corinthians 11:30)

Just as God has provided things to maintain our physical bodies, He has provided things we **must** take and do on a regular basis, in the proper manner, to maintain and grow our **spiritual** bodies. The Lord's Supper is one of these things. It was given to make us stronger, not to hurt or trap us. But some wrongly **don't partake** of the Lord's Supper when they should and as a result they are weak and sickly and can even die **spiritually** as a result.

The Lord warned that “**whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**” (1 Corinthians 11:27) We should heed this warning. But many wrongly understand *unworthily* as *unworthy*. They think it refers to their **personal fitness** rather than to the *manner* in which it is done. This misunderstanding is the work of **Satan**, the Father of lies. *Unworthily* is an *adverb*, it must modify or refer to a *verb* – an action. *Unworthy* is an *adjective*, it can only modify a *noun* – a person, place or thing. *Unworthily* must then refer to the **manner**, the action, of our observing the Lord's Supper, and not to **us**, or our personal fitness to partake of it.

None of us are **worthy** to approach the Lord's Table. John the Baptist said of his relation to Christ: “**the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.**” – Mark 1:7. Yes, we were sinners but remember what God did for us in that estate: “**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**” – Romans 5:8. Do you want to wrongly **reject** His love? Satan wants us to - by *misunderstanding* this passage!

The Lord **does** tell us *how* we should take it: “**For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.**” (1 Corinthians 11:28) We need to **show** the Lord's death. How so? By **our** death to sin: “**How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (Romans 6:3)** The Lord has called us to be holy, separate from the world, yet we are in the world every day. It's tough to do. The Lord knows that, so that's why he wants us **reminded** every week of Jesus' death for us. Without that reminder, we will grow weak and sickly and die. We need to see the Lord's body on that cross, and the blood he shed for our sins. We must see that he has called us out of the world to follow him. That is the **examination** we make of ourselves: Do we see Him on that Cross? Do we know that He died for our sins? Do we want to live for Him and not ourselves? If so, and we want to show His death by **our** death to the things of this world, **then we rightly can, and must, partake**, remembering as we do: “**that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.**” - 2 Cor 5:15

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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SERMONS 8/15/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 46  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 78  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 51  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study:  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2080

AM: Jerry Manning  
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**THE GOODNESS OF GOD**  
**THE SEVERITY OF GOD**

### WHO LIKES A LONG FACE?

"But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face:  
That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret;  
and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." - Matthew 6:17,18

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*  
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## “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Jimmy Gist, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
  - Remember Carolyn Lee, and Brandy and Brittney Hurly in your prayers.
  - Jean Boyd is not well, all her vitals are low. Please pray for her.
  - Gene and Evalina Lowe request prayers for their brother-in-law Otis Burch who was diagnosed with spinal cancer. He attends at Boiling Springs church of Christ.
  - Remember Katie Kennedy as she goes to work at Disney World in Orland; Brian Parks who starts school at Francis Marion in Florence; and Ryan Sheppard who will be doing National Guard recruit training in Kentucky.
  - Deborah and Rebecca Stoyk were planning on moving back to Virginia, but Deborah fell and the trip has been postponed. Remember them, and Michael and Megan and pray that things will work out well.
  - Donald Klieves is working temporarily in Greenville, home on the weekends.
  - James Gamble, Jones' dad isn't doing well.
  - Alma Berrier, Anna's neighbor, was in LMC, but has moved to Heartland.
  - Kelly Kennedy is recovering from hand surgery.
  - Marilyn Brooks was admitted to Richland hospital last Sunday and is still there, hoping to come home soon. Also remember Alice Steen who cares for Marilyn.
  - Lynn and Daniel Manning made it back safely from New York. John is well.
  - Sue Eiland's daughter had her baby and both are ok.
  - We have many that are ill: Jean Boyd, Eddie Sheppard, Margaret Herring, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Deborah Stoyk, and Margie DeYoung.
  - Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
  - Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.
- "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" - Titus 2:13
- Carolyn Stidham has moved (Sweetbriar apartments) and new phone number: 200 Libby Rd., Apt. 1F, Lexington SC 29072, phone (803) 520-4891

## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **REMEMBER!** Gospel Meeting with David Pharr coming up Sep 12-15!
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed!
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm.**

“... that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14

**TRUST IN GOD AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

## **WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH?**

1. To Christ it was worth His **blood**: Acts 20:28
2. To God it was worth His **Son**: John 3:16
3. To Stephen it was worth his **life**: Acts 6-7
4. To Paul it was worth his **heritage**: Philippians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 11:28
5. To Matthew it was worth his **job**: Luke 5:27
6. To Philip it was worth his **time**: Acts 8:26-40
7. To James it was worth his **prestige**: James 1:1
8. To Peter it was worth his **attitudes**: 2 Peter 1:10,11
9. To John it was worth his **concern**: 3 John 4
10. To Jude it was worth his **freedom**: Jude 1

NOW: ... WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH TO YOU?

- Richard Ramkinson, Minister, Windsor Lake church of Christ, South Carolina

## “REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Amy Wintermute was able to see her children, Zach and Cassidy last Monday. Amy has started a new job. Amy greatly appreciates all the help she has received. The children are well, but their situations are difficult. Pray that they will be restored as a family soon.
- “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.” - Matthew 25:40
- Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.” - Matthew 25:45

## **THE CORINTHIANS TOOK LORD'S SUPPER UNWORTHILY**

The Corinthians made no distinction between the Lord's Supper and a common meal. They *ate* it as a common meal. They'd taken a holy thing and *made* it common. They were *doing* so improperly. There were also *divisions* among them. Some were eating before others – some were filled, some were not. They were *divided* in their taking of the Lord's Supper. BUT! Christ died for our UNITY! The Corinthians were taking the Lord's supper in a manner **unworthy** of Jesus. We can not have this mind of division and take of the Lord's Supper in a **worthy manner**. “For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.” 1 Corinthians 11:28