

Handouts

- .Some scripture on the subject of sacrament
- .Letter that went to Kirtland 2023 registrants
- .Splits chart
- .Message thru Richard (2 years)
- .Regional Schedule

Meeting Day -1

- .Place copy of all relevant docs on LRB web site

Items to bring

- .Scriptures
- .Conf Resolutions Book
- .Church History Vol 1
- .Laptop, speakers, mics, power strip
- .List of those that were reg for Sept and when they were sent the letter
- .Tidings of Zion #145
- .Question Time Vol 1-3

1 Corinthians 12:18-27

18 But now hath God set the members, every one of them, in the body as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary;

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need; but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked,

25 That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have **the same care** one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular.

SCHISM, *noun* sizm. [Latin schisma; Gr. to divide, Latin scindo.]

1. In a general sense, division or separation; but appropriately, a division or separation in a church or denomination of christians, occasioned by diversity of opinions; breach of unity among people of the same religious faith.

- Set bounds to our passions by reason, to our errors by truth, and to our schisms by charity.

In Scripture, the word seems to denote a breach of charity, rather than a difference of doctrine.

2. Separation; division among tribes or classes of people.

1 Corinthians 13:1-10

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil,

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, **but rejoiceth in the truth,**

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be **knowledge**, it shall vanish away.

9 **For we know in part,** and we prophesy in part.

10 **But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.**

Church History Vol 1, Ch 7, Pgs 113-117

Joseph further writes:-

"Shortly after . . . Oliver Cowdery returned to Mr. Whitmer's, and I began to arrange and copy the revelations which we had received from time to time; in which I was assisted by John Whitmer, who now resided with me. Whilst thus (and otherwise at intervals) employed in the work appointed me, by my heavenly Father, I received a letter from Oliver Cowdery, the contents of which gave me both sorrow and uneasiness. Not having that letter now in my possession, I cannot, of course, give it here in full, but merely an extract of the most prominent parts, which I can yet, and expect long to remember. He wrote to inform me that he had discovered an error in one of the commandments: . . . 'And truly manifested by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins.' [DC 17:7d] The above quotation, he said, was erroneous, and added, I command you in the name of God to erase these words, that no priestcraft be amongst us!! I immediately wrote to him in reply, in which I asked him by

what authority he took upon him to command me to alter or erase, to add or diminish to or from a revelation or commandment from Almighty God. In a few days afterwards I visited him and Mr. Whitmer's family, where I found the family, in general, of his opinion concerning the words above quoted; and it was not without both labor and perseverance that I could prevail with any of them **to reason calmly** on the subject. However Christian Whitmer at length got convinced that it was reasonable, and according to scripture, and, finally, with his assistance, I succeeded in bringing, not only the Whitmer family, but also Oliver Cowdery, to acknowledge they had been in error, and that the sentence in dispute was in accordance with the rest of the commandments. And thus was their error rooted out, which having its rise in **presumption and rash judgment**, was the more particularly calculated (when once fairly understood) **to teach each and all of us the necessity of humility and meekness before the Lord**, that he might teach us of his ways, that we might walk in his paths, and live by every word that proceedeth forth from his mouth"-Times and Seasons, vol. 4, p. 108.

This little sketch of history is important as showing that at this early time they not only had their external, but also internal trials. It is valuable also as evidence that the men associated with Joseph Smith in that early time were not man worshipers under the absolute control of Joseph Smith, as has so often been asserted. They thought for themselves and dared express their thoughts. Though in this instance Oliver Cowdery's manner of expressing his convictions was rash, and calculated to wound, it does not appear that Joseph exhibited anything but a kindly spirit towards him; and when an understanding finally was reached, with commendable humility he confessed that the trial could be made useful to all in teaching a lesson of meekness and humility.

Sacrament before confirmation? Pg 115 (see also C.H. Vol 1, pg 77)

..."Early in the month of August, Newel Knight and his wife paid us a visit, at my place, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, and as neither his wife nor himself had been as yet confirmed, it was proposed that we should confirm them, and partake together of the sacrament, before he and his wife should leave us. In order to prepare for this, I set out to go to procure some wine for the occasion, but had gone only a short distance when I was met by a heavenly messenger, and received the following revelation;

the first paragraph of which was written at this time. [See DC 26]

"In obedience to the above commandment we prepared some wine of our own make, and held our meeting, consisting only of five; viz., Newel Knight and his wife, myself and my wife, and John Whitmer. We partook together of the sacrament,

after which we confirmed these two sisters [persons] into the church, and spent the evening in a glorious manner. The Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon us; we praised the Lord God, and rejoiced exceedingly.

For the great doesn't happen through impulse alone, and is a succession of little things that are brought together...And the great isn't something accidental; it must be willed. -October 1882 Vincent van Gogh

2nd Nephi 12:36-38

36 For behold, thus saith the Lord God, I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little;

37 And blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom;

38 For unto him that receiveth, I will give more; and from them that shall say, We have enough, shall be taken away even that which they have.

- ⇒ Provide source or basis for your position
- ⇒ Speak from a place of love and understanding
- ⇒ We aren't gathered to argue a point of view, but to collectively arrive at what truth is and how to move forward towards that truth

Agenda Topics

1. Kirtland Priesthood Gathering
 - a. Who was allowed to attend and why
 - i. Letter sent to Kirtland PH Attendees
2. Sacrament – Who do we serve?
3. Temple Grove – Feedback, concerns, expectations, thoughts for the upcoming retreat
4. Any needs at your branch or for any individuals/families? Work days? What can we do to further assist one another?
5. Finalize Regional Schedule