

Though earth's waters roar and foam,
though mountains quake at its swelling pride,
we will not fear



Outcropping of lava rocks
near the entrance to the Missouri River canyon south of Hardy Creek Road
between Helena and Great Falls, MT

“For just as the Father has life in Himself,
even so He gave to the Son to have life
in Himself; and He gave Him authority to
execute judgment, because He is the Son
of Man.”

John 5:26,27

February 4, 2018!

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — Phil Sutton

Communion Meditation — Nick Jacobs

Preaching — Jay Wilson

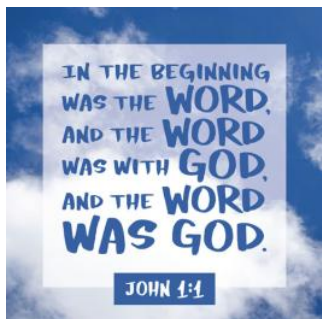
EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Bob Edgar, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Chris Phillips, **Jay Wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monthly fasting and prayer for evangelism — Sat. and Lord's Day, Feb. 10, 11

Bible Bowl — Sat., March 10, 2018

Ladies' Advance — April 19-21, Hampton Inn, Great Falls, MT

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. - Sat. July 19-21, 2018 at Delmoe Reservoir

Family Camp 2018 — Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 2018 at Bozeman church property

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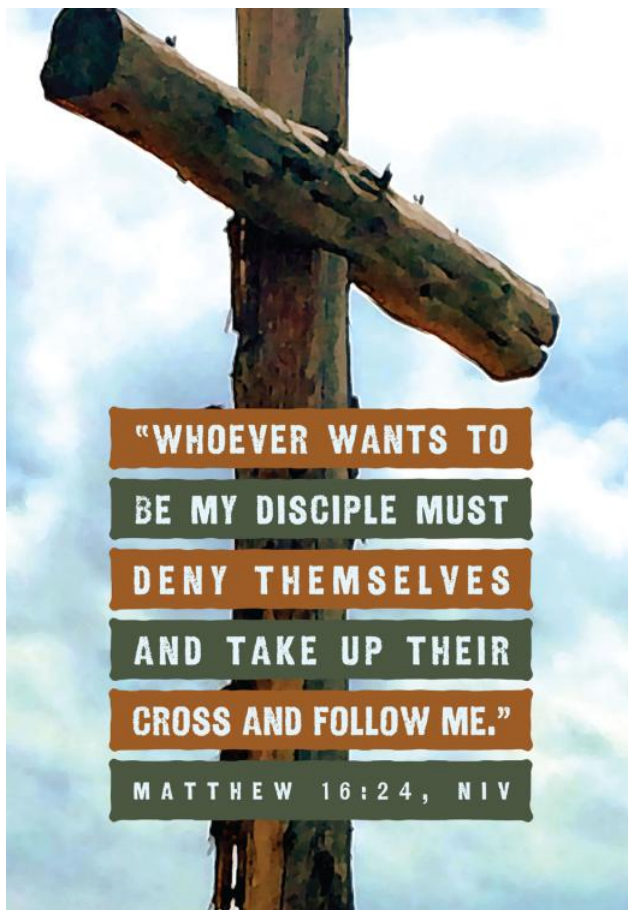
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and audios at innermanradio.org

This Wednesday, Feb. 7th –

7:00 p.m. — Some enlightenment from Ephesians – Phil Sutton



Question of the week:

When the sons of Zebedee, through their mother, asked to sit at Jesus' right hand in the coming kingdom, he told them they would drink the cup that he was about to drink. What immersion was the same as that cup?

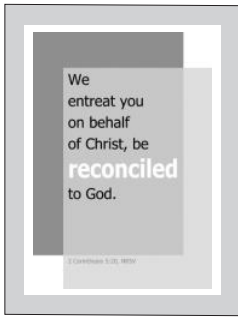
Last week's question: When the Canaanites saw Israel's descendants mourning for him beyond the Jordan, they called the place Abel-Mizraim. What does "Mizraim" stand for? *Answer: Egypt (follow the progression from Genesis 10:6 through; Genesis 50:11).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 95
Morning Assembly — 106
Evening Assembly — 58

Wednesday Night (1/31) — 78
Butte Lord's Day — 15
Great Falls Lord's Day — 46,85

No Rest for Paul's Spirit



Later in this epistle, Paul will indicate the intense concern he has “for all the churches” (2 Corinthians 11:28). This concern is derived from Paul’s knowledge of the immensity and diversity of the battle that each saint must fight in the spiritual realm. “Our struggle,” adverted Paul to the Ephesian brethren, “is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). With Satan and his entire array of demonic influences working on the church, Paul’s concern was indeed justified. He was likewise conscious that there was the possibility of saints — indeed, whole congregations — be “tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by

every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:14). Part of that scheming would be the rejection of a wayward saint who had truly repented and wanted to come back to the Lord. Hence cometh the instructions to the congregation at Corinth, “in order that no advantage be take of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes” (2 Corinthians 2:11).

- ▲ **Troubled in spirit** — Apparently the apostle had sent Titus to Corinth to check on the brethren, and to provide instruction and assistance wherever possible (2 Corinthians 12:17,18). At some point along the way, Paul expected Titus to meet him in Troas. But with difficulty in communication in those days, Titus was not there and Paul did not know why. “Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ,” is Paul’s explanation, “and when a door was opened for me in the Lord, I had no rest for my spirit, not finding my brother Titus; but taking my leave of them, I went on to Macedonia” (2 Corinthians 2:12,13). Paul had expected to get a report from Titus on the spiritual condition and progress of the church at Corinth, and when Titus was not there to give the report, Paul was truly troubled in spirit and agitated about the congregation. Consequently, he left Troas even though there was an open door there for the preaching of the gospel; this is how much care and concern he had for the Corinthian brethren.

To communicate his care, he shared that he had “no rest” for his spirit

- ▲ **Instructional interlude** — Paul is temporarily going to drop the thread of his trying to meet Titus until later in the epistle. “For even when we came into Macedonia,” he comments, five chapters later, “our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side; conflicts without, fears within. But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus” as Titus was able to give a positive report about the repentance of the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 7:5,6). Between these two references to Titus, the apostle presents a sort of “stream of consciousness” instruction that ends up being some of the most important scripture in the entire Bible.
- ▲ **The Triumph of Christ** — While the apostle in chapter two does not directly reference his meeting up with Titus and the ensuing positive report, he does express his joy. Having stated that he had no rest for his spirit, he then continues, “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place” (2 Corinthians 2:14). The apostle knew the underlying truth that God was working with him; and that regardless of the things which caused him to be concerned about the church in Corinth, God was going to make sure that everything worked for the ultimate triumph of the gospel in Christ.

The apostle Paul really cared deeply for the eternities of the brethren in Corinth. It was to communicate this love and concern that he shared some personal details of his having “no rest” for his spirit as he earnestly waited for positive news from Titus. Hopefully they listened.

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