

God is in the midst of the city of the Lord, she will not be moved; God will help her when the morning dawns



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waiting for rides following school  
Bozeman Christian School  
an integral ministry of Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

All who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, "and shall come forth, those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, and those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment."

*John 5:29*

# February 18, 2018!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Joseph Shanahan

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — Chris Gothard

Communion Meditation — Mike Kover

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Rick Vaught, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Shawn O'Connell, **Jay Wilson**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Monthly fellowship** — Sat. Feb. 17 at 4:00 pm at Randall and Cherie Ferguson's. Potluck and games

**Going away party and potluck for Cassie Farley before she leaves for Togo** — Lord's Day Feb. 25 following assembly

**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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**This Wednesday, Feb. 21st –**

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



Question of the week:

What did the Roman soldiers say after they had placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and had clothed him with a scarlet robe?

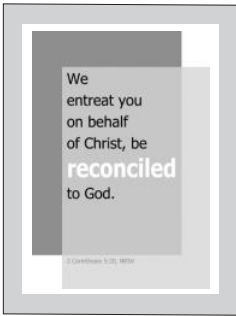
Last week's question: As a result of the Lord's passing over Egypt, what was to become of the future first born males of man and beast? *Answer: They were to belong to the Lord; sacrificed or redeemed (Exodus 13:11-15).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 81  
Morning Assembly — 104  
Evening Assembly — 58

Wednesday Night (2/14) — 76  
**Butte Lord's Day** — 9  
*Great Falls Lord's Day* — 40,65

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...



## Peddling the Word?

It is no secret that greed is a motive for those who would claim to preach the word of God. Peter had warned that “there will be false teachers among you.” Their appeal would be “sensuality” in one form or another; “and in their greed,” said the apostle, “they will exploit you with false words” (2 Peter 2:1,2). These false teachers and preachers would seem to be a sweet fragrance to those who are perishing because they would be hearing what they want to hear. But those who preach the gospel as now recorded in scripture are not so regarded. As Paul discussed the idea of false preachers twisting or perverting the gospel, of himself he said, “For am I now seeking the favor of men or of God? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of God” (Galatians 1:10). It is clear throughout the teachings of the New Testament writings that anyone whose preaching and teaching pleases God is not going to be popular with the major segment of the human population. This truth will continue to be a challenge operating within the church of the living God, and in the comparatively near neighborhood of denominational preachments and doctrines.

- ***Cheapening the word*** — It is a business principle: if more product needs to be moved, the price needs to be marked down. If the motive of the supposed preacher is greed, then the “price” of the true gospel is going to be too high for most people, and therefore the number of people to be fleeced is too small to be worth the time for the shakedown artist. In addition, the word of God is designed to separate truth-seekers from the rest; and truth-seekers, by definition, recognize false teachers and preachers. The only resort, then, is for men-pleasers and greed-gratifiers to change the gospel—in some way to “cheapen” the message so that there will be more who will buy in to those false teachings. Paul was willing to be “an aroma from death to death” to those who would not obey the truth. But a comparatively high percentage of those who step into the pulpit or walk to the lectern are interested in pleasing the crowd. “For we are not like many,” asseverates the apostle, “peddling the word of God” (2 Corinthians 2:17). “Mark it down; move it out!”
- ***Speaking in sincerity*** — The only way anyone of an adult mind level is going to heaven is by hearing and obeying the word of God. “You have been born again,” stated the apostle Peter to those who had believed and obeyed the gospel of God, “through the living and abiding word of God” (1 Peter 1:23). But if the message is twisted or perverted, it will not save anyone. It is in “obedience to the truth” that a person’s soul is purified; anything other than the truth will leave it in the same corrupted condition (1 Peter 1:22). The apostle Paul, intensely concerned about each person’s eternity, was not going to cheapen or “peddle” the word of God. “As from sincerity, ... as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God” (2 Corinthians 2:17). He was also conscious that God heard every word that he spoke, that the All Knowing knew every motive for his actions. Hence, aware of the continual presence of God, his goal was to please God in his statements, regardless of whether the person or group of persons he was addressing were happy with his proclamation.

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“We are a fragrance of Christ to God,” was his overriding comment. Ultimately, whether that fragrance to those who would not believe was an aroma from death to death, or whether that fragrance was regarded as the sweet aroma from life to life among the sons of men, what counted was his fragrance to God. Paul was going to continue to take his own advice and “preach the word, in season and out of season.” Not an ear-tickler, or a crowd-pleaser, the apostle was sincerely going to speak “the truth in love.” If he was able to save some, he praised God. If he needed to shake the dust off his feet, he did that also. But he preached the truth!

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