

COME, BEHOLD THE WORKS OF THE LORD,
WHO HAS WROUGHT DESOLATIONS IN THE
EARTH



Luke Jacobs, presenting some great thoughts
Getting the Lord's Day off to a great start during opening
Christ's Church
Bozeman, MT

"You have sent to John [the Immerser], and
he has borne witness to the truth. But the
witness which I receive is not from man,
but I say these things that you may be
saved."

John 5:33,34

March 11, 2018!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Jerry Hoffman

Communion Meditation — Jim Mitchell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jay Shoup, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Davis Ashley, **Jay Wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monthly fasting and prayer for evangelism — Sat. and Lord's Day Mar. 17, 18

Monthly potluck! — Lord's Day Mar. 25 following assembly
Ladies' Advance — April 19-21, Hampton Inn, Great Falls, MT

Montana Youth Camp — June 3-8 at Echo Valley Camp, Avon, MT

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

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

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This Wednesday, Mar. 14th —

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

The
RIGHTEOUS ONE,
MY SERVANT, ...
shall bear
their iniquities.

ISAIAH 53:11, NRSV



Question of the week:

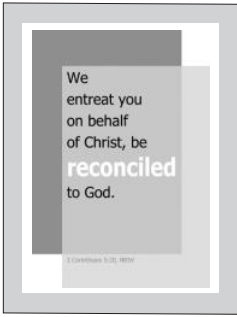
What happened to the ten spies who brought back a bad report of the Promised Land to the sons of Israel and discouraged them?

Last week's question: When the apostles were first sent out two-by-two by Jesus, what were they doing with oil while they were also casting out demons? *Answer: They were anointing sick people with oil and were healing them (Mark 6:13).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 74
Morning Assembly — 85
Evening Assembly — 37

Wednesday Night (3/7) — 70
Butte Lord's Day — 19
Great Falls Lord's Day — 40,63



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Servants of the New Covenant

The apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, often explicated the superiority of the new covenant over the old. The old covenant, or old will, was temporary, and was set aside when the new covenant took effect. With this the writer of Hebrews agrees, working off the Old Testament quotation wherein Jesus spoke aforetime by the prophet and psalmist David: "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) to do Your will, O God.'" (Hebrews 10:7). The inspired writer of the epistle to the Hebrew brethren then noted, "He takes away the first in order to establish the second." Then he superadded, for clarity and expansion, "By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:9,10). To be, then, a promul-

gator, expositor, and servant of this will—or covenant—would be a high honor indeed.

- **Source of adequacy** — "We are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing," Paul had commented. He followed that with this statement, "And who is adequate for these things?" (2 Corinthians 2:15,16). On a purely human basis, the answer clearly is that no one is adequate. After some intersticed comments, the apostle now comes back to the issue of adequacy. "And such [great] confidence we have through Christ toward God," is Paul's thrust. "Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves," he is quick to add, "but our adequacy is from God" (2 Corinthians 3:5). The apostle Paul was a leading exponent of the potential performance disciples of Christ can exhibit to the world. "Be imitators of me," he had exhorted the brethren in his first epistle to the Corinthians, "just as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). Those who oppose the Biblical concept that saints can walk in the character footsteps of Christ often take the tack that such men as Paul claimed to be able to accomplish this high level of performance by their own or mere human power. Thus he is emphatic that his adequacy is from God!

- **Adequate as servants** — Solomon asked for wisdom to rule the people of God, and God indeed granted his request, plus riches and power. But who is greater in the annals of God—Solomon, or Paul? Without question, the apostle Paul is far superior, particularly in the spiritual realm. So, what did Paul receive from God? Was it wisdom to rule, or riches, or power? Nope; it was *adequacy!* And adequacy for what? "Our adequacy is from God," he adverts, "who also made us adequate as servants of the new covenant" (2 Corinthians 3:6). Paul, and those who worked with him, were given the necessary spiritual tools and character to be able to be of major use in modeling and promulgating the principles of the new covenant. This adequacy, properly understood, was far in excess of anything that Solomon received.

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The fact that Paul regarded himself as a servant of the new covenant is interesting. Normally, people don't think of themselves as servants of concepts. He had written, in his first epistle, "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians 4:1). There was a type of servanthood connected with the transmission of the truthfulness of the mysteries, or the revealed secrets of God. As a servant, then, of the new covenant, the apostle is making it clear that this covenant is "not of the letter, but of the Spirit." It is interesting that another name for the new covenant would be *the covenant of the Spirit*. The conceptual differences between the covenant of the Spirit and that which was "of the letter"—the Law of Moses—are immense. The fact that Paul was made adequate as a servant of the new covenant, with its emphasis on who the Spirit is and what He does, is evident in the inspired records of the New Testament writings. If Paul had not stood for the covenant of the Spirit, as he detailed in the epistle to the Galatians, the church as a whole would probably have been gone from the surface of the earth forever.

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