# THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US; THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR STRONGHOLD



People from Christ's churches in Billings, Bozeman, and Missoula attending the state championship basketball game for the Montana Christian Athletic Association
Joseph Shanahan, Luke Jacobs, and Caleb Wilson key players on championship team

"And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form"

John 5:37

## **April 1, 2018!**



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 — Davis Ashley

Communion Meditation — Steven Doty

Preaching — Jay Wilson

#### **EVENING SCHEDULE:**

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, George Stone

Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell, Tom McDunn

Preaching — Phil Sutton, Jay Wilson



#### Announcements:

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

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

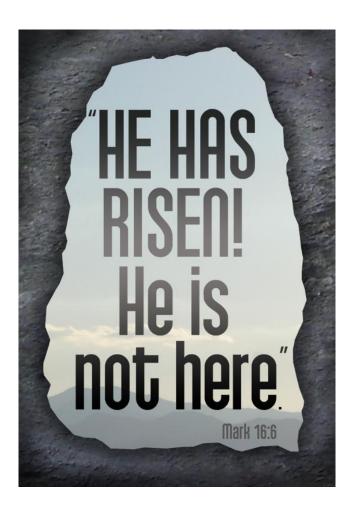
Men's PEAKS — Thurs. - Sat. July 19-21, 2018 at Delmoe Reservoir

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

Catch us live or archived: livestream.com/ccib christschurchonline.com Also check out the youtube videos on targetingtruth.com and audios at innermanradio.org

This Wednesday, April 4th —

7:00 p.m. — Teachings about Prayer and Fasting – Phil Sutton



#### Question of the week:

In the gospel according to Luke, when Jesus' mother and brothers came to see Him, who did Jesus say His real family is?

Last week's question: What two kings had Moses and Israel just defeated before Moses began to expound the Law to this new generation of Israelites? *Answer: Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan (Deuteronomy 1:4).* 

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 85 Morning Assembly — 107 Evening Assembly — 55 Wednesday Night (3/28) — 66 **Butte Lord's Day** — 18

Great Falls Lord's Day — 46,80



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### Removing the Veil

Sin separates a person from his God. "Behold," thundered the Almighty through His prophet Isaiah, "the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear" (Isaiah 59:1,2). No exceptions! When a person, male or female, is old enough to be able to begin processing at an adult level, and he commits his first sin, a spiritual barrier has developed between that person and God. That barrier, a spiritual "sheath" which drops into the inner man of the now designated "sinner," is called variously the "body of sin" (Romans 6:6), the "body of the flesh" (Colossians 2:11), or the "veil over the heart" (2 Corinthians

3:15). That barrier must be removed before the individual can have fellowship with God, before His inner person can begin to see the glory of God in the face of Christ.

- Removed in immersion The apostle Paul, in writing to the brethren in Rome, spoke of our knowing "that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with." This spiritual crucifixion was accomplished in immersion. "For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death," Paul describes immersion into Christ, "certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection" (Romans 6:5,6). Our knowledge of the certainty of the old self crucified, buried, and then the new self raised, is based on the teachings concerning immersion that the apostle had just previously gone over.
- ▼ Removed in immersion The apostle Paul, in writing to the brethren in Colossae, spoke of our having undergone "a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." This spiritual circumcision was accomplished in immersion. The apostle continued the thought about the "removal of the body of flesh" with these words: "having been buried with Him in immersion, in which you were raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead" (Colossians 2:11,12). Our knowledge of the certainty of

the body of sin removed, and our being buried with Christ and raised up with Him, is based on our faith in what the word of God clearly reveals.

▼ Removed in immersion — The apostle Paul, in writing to the brethren in Corinth, speaks of the veil being "removed in Christ" (2 Corinthians 3:14). The "removal", or the idea of the veil being "taken away," bespeaks of force from the hand of God being used to eliminate this barrier between man and God. "In Christ," is the terminology the apostle uses. That phrase, of

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course, brings up the pertinent question, "How does a person enter into Christ?" The answer is through "immersion into Christ" (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:26). "A veil lies over their heart," says Paul of those still outside Christ, "but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away" (2 Corinthians 3:16). That, of course, brings up the pertinent question, "How does a person turn to the Lord?" The answer is through "immersion in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 2:38). A comparison of Acts 2:38 not turning, or turning again) is in Acts 3:19. "Repent, and turn again," Peter had pleaded, "that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). Thus, whether Paul uses "in Christ," or "turning to the Lord," he is speaking of the veil's being removed in immersion.

The spiritual "sheath," the veil—the barrier that exists between man and God, is removed in immersion in Jesus' name. The expression "turn to the Lord" is used because it brings more information about what happens when a person becomes a Christian than can be communicated in simply speaking of immersion. The inner man is what actually "turns to the Lord" and can now, with unveiled face, behold the glory of the Lord.