

God has ascended with a shout, with a sound of a trumpet



Mr. Jason Shanahan presiding over the distribution of participation awards
all the young people from Christ's church in Bozeman
2018 Bible Bowl

“How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?”

John 5:44

May 6, 2018!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Chris Phillips

Communion Meditation — Rick Vaught

Preaching — Jay Wilson

ASCENSION DAY
-- May 10th!!!

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Randall Ferguson, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Jason Shanahan, **Jay Wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monthly fasting and prayer for evangelism — Sat. and Lord's Day May 5,6

Bozeman Awards and Graduation ceremony — Friday, May 18, 7:00 pm at the Bozeman church building

Butte Graduation ceremony — Sat., May 19, 4:00 pm at the Butte rodeo grounds

Great Falls Awards and Graduation ceremony — Tues. May 22, 7:00 pm at the Great Falls church building

Missoula Awards and Graduation ceremony — Tues. May 22 at the Missoula church building

Billings Awards and Graduation ceremony — Wed. May 23 at Billings church building

Badlands Family Camp — May 27-29, Hinebauch Ranch east of Glendive, MT

Butte Awards Ceremony — Tues. May 29

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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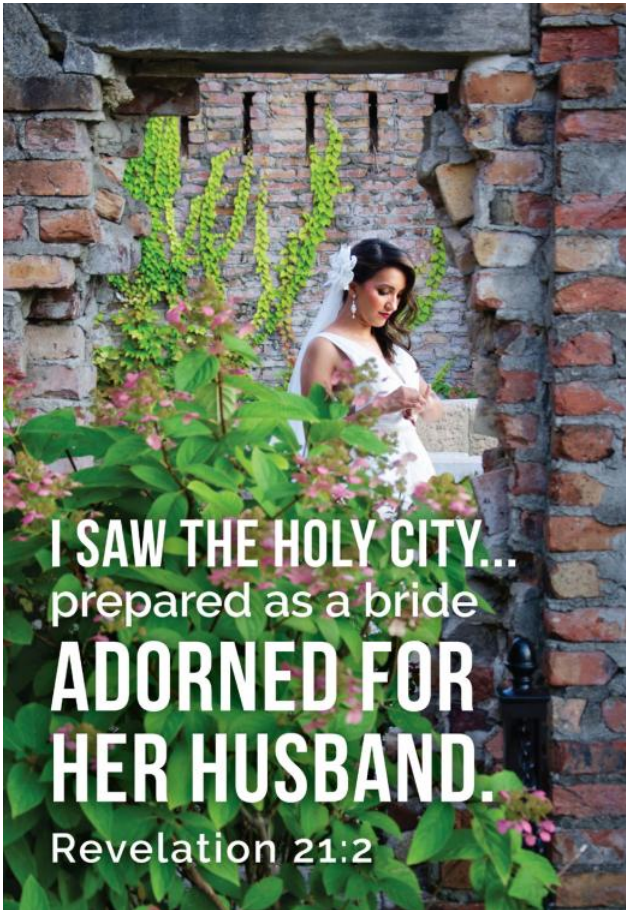
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This Wednesday, May 9th –

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



Question of the week:

The last sections of the book of Judges chronicle Israel's descent into lawless and idolatry. Which tribe took an idol of silver north with them when they could not drive out the Philistines on the plain?

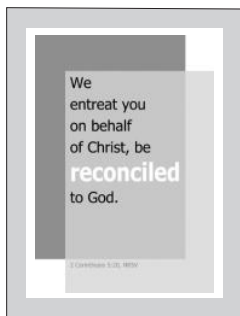
Last week's question: When Jesus appeared before Herod (descendant of Herod the Great), Herod's soldiers did two things to Jesus. What were they? *Answer: They mocked Him and dressed Him in a gorgeous robe (Luke 23:11).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 92
Morning Assembly – 114
Evening Assembly – 67

Wednesday Night (5/2) – 74
Butte Lord's Day – 12
Great Falls Lord's Day – 49,81

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...



“This Ministry” of the New Covenant

The word of God puts pressure on mankind. The very concept of repentance requires that every human being be moved out of his comfort zone and coming on over into the “newness of life” being offered by the gospel of God. Human nature tends to resist change, especially if said change is going to require effort. Hence God uses the maximum positive/negative gradient to effect change in men. He points out that if they don’t change, the eternal hellfire awaits; or if they are willing to walk in His ways, the glories of a magnificent heaven are the reward. God, in His gracious and merciful manner, tenders His offer in a gentlemanly way, bringing the message to mankind through messengers who themselves have shared in the human experience. The intellectual and far reaching faith concepts

thus come to the lost with a human touch. But in spite of the tenderness of the loving Father, mankind tends to become angry, and they vent their wrath over the supposed injustice of God on those who carry the message. This is one of the reasons apostolic messengers such as Paul offer themselves as examples of how the hostility should be handled.

- ▲ **We have this ministry** — “Are we beginning to commend ourselves again?” Paul had stated, somewhat in his defense. “We are not adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves,” he had added, “but our adequacy is from God, who made us adequate as servants [ministers] of a new covenant” (2 Corinthians 3:1-6). Holding that thought in abeyance for a paragraph or two, he then continues, “Therefore, since we have received this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart” (2 Corinthians 4:1). The apostle is clearly establishing his personal unworthiness apart from God to carry out this great mission, comparing the reception of the ministry to the reception of God’s mercy. And, in spite of the massive rejection of the message, he did not “lose heart” (he did not become discouraged).
- ▲ **Eliminating the negatives** — But there is a connection between the character of the messenger and the willingness of the hearers to listen to or accept the message. Therefore follows a list of things which the apostles laid aside in order to be effective carriers of the message of God’s great transforming power. “We have renounced the things hidden because of shame,” Paul is willing to announce to the world (2 Corinthians 4:2). No secret sins carried out in privacy, no trysts in the darkness, no scams or swindling upon the unsuspecting...these have been expunged from the lifestyle. He continues, adding that he and the others are “not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God.” There would be no deceiving subtleties of Satan in twisting the preaching, nor would there be any corrupting and poisonous additions to the gospel of glory.
- ▲ **Accentuating the positive** — It is one thing to put away the deeds of darkness, it is another to put on the armor of light. Therefore the positive characteristics developed by Paul and other proclaimers is more than worthy of a listing as well. He first comments on “the manifestation of truth.” The messengers of God must not just make a claim to being truthful, but they must demonstrate openly and under any challenging situations that they will tell the truth, particularly pressing the claims of Jesus Christ upon the souls of men. He adds that they were “commending ourselves to every man’s conscience.” They knew that they could withstand any honest scrutiny of their attitudes, actions, and motives. He superadds, “in the sight of God.” The apostles were conscious that God sees all, hears all, and knows all.

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Paul has put his statements out on the table, ready for examination of any who would choose to criticize him rather than listen to and process his message. Those who will preach the message of the gospel of the glory of Christ and proclaim the transforming potential embodied in the scriptures of this section, will face rejection and persecution from those who do not want to overcome their own personal inertia, face their sins, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Be imitators of Paul, as he was of Christ!

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