

**FOR, LO, THE KINGS ASSEMBLED  
THEMSELVES; THEY PASSED BY  
GOD'S CITY TOGETHER**



Jay Wilson answering the questions of an English lady named Jackie Urban Camp on the Queen's Birthday holiday  
Dunedin Church of Christ building  
Dunedin, New Zealand

**“Jesus said, ‘Have the people sit down.’ Now there was much grass in that place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.”**

***John 6:10***

# July 8, 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 — Gary DiPaolo

Communion Meditation — Charlie Brown

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 — Luke Jacobs and Josiah Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VBS "Round up" — July 9-12, Mon. through Thurs., 9:00 am to noon

Monthly fasting and prayer for evangelism — Sat. and Lord's Day July 14, 15

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. - Sat. July 19-21, 2018 at Delmo Reservoir. Theme: "The Son of Man ..."

Bellevue, MI revival — Aug. 10-12

Family Camp 2018 — Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 2018 at Bozeman church property. Theme: "Conversion in Immersion"

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**This Wednesday, July 11th —**

**7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus — Phil Sutton**

THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT ...  
IS THE GUARANTEE OF  
**OUR INHERITANCE**  
UNTIL WE ACQUIRE  
POSSESSION OF IT.  
**TO THE PRAISE OF  
HIS GLORY.**  
EPHESIANS 1:13-14. ESV



Question of the week:

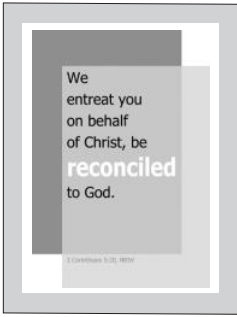
Before the soldiers came down out of the fortress and rescued Paul, Jews from what Roman province accused the apostle of bringing Gentiles into the temple and defiling the holy place?

Last week's question: What did the prophet do to Jehu when he also prophesied that the dogs would eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel? *Answer: He poured oil on his head (2 Kings 9:6).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 91  
Morning Assembly – 110  
Evening Assembly – 77

Wednesday Night (7/4) – 65  
Butte Lord's Day – 20  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 32,62



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## This Old House

The outer man is decaying; there is no way to get out of this life alive in this mortal body (even the physical bodies of those alive at Jesus' coming will be changed). This is an issue with which many people struggle. Over this writer's lifetime, he has seen many of those who are clearly entering the last years of their earthly sojourn angry or frustrated over the fact that the body just isn't going to get any better or any stronger. God, of course, mindful that we are but dust, is the One who offers the realistic perspective. His words, iterated through the apostle Paul, cannot be overstressed: "We do not lose heart—though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." If the saint focuses on the realm of what he can see, which includes the decaying outer man, he will get very discouraged. The only positive solution for not losing heart is to continue to strengthen the non-decaying inner man.

- **Nature of the earthly house** — The word of God uses the word "tent" to describe the earthly body. Tents are temporary and comparatively fragile; hence the use of tent to describe the temporary housing of the eternal soul of man is not only descriptive but educational in that it helps the saint to understand the small value of that which is temporal. "For we know," avers the apostle Paul, "that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God—a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1). "Dust you are," the Maker had said to Adam, and thus to all Adam's descendants, "and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 2:19). So this earthly house of dust, made of the chemicals from the ground, shall return to the disorganized basic chemicals in an action described as "tearing the house down." Because the flesh is part of the material universe, it is subject to all the laws of and vagaries of what we call nature: friction, gravity, momentum, disease, death, and decay. The Second Law of Thermodynamics guarantees that continued energy input is necessary to maintain a constant level, and much more energy is required for improvement. Hence, Paul notes, "For indeed in this house we groan..." (2 Corinthians 5:2). Again, he emphasizes, "For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened..." (2 Corinthians 5:4). If the only thing that the individual has is the earthly house, there is no real source of overcoming the groaning.

*God gave to us the Spirit as a pledge that we will get the glorified body!*

- **The eternal house** — There is therefore a tremendous contrast between the earthly house and that which is eternal. "We have a building from God," Paul has elucidated, "eternal in the heavens." Receiving the new resurrection body, for which we long, is described as being "clothed with our dwelling from heaven" (2 Corinthians 5:2). The contrast between the earthly tent and the eternal dwelling is so stark that Paul graphically says with regard to the resurrection body, "inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked" (2 Corinthians 5:3). Nakedness, not having yet the dwelling from heaven...!! Again, the apostle adds, "because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life" (2 Corinthians 5:4).

In many ways the word of God communicates that a major driving force for the Christian is his desire to share in the positive resurrection of the dead. "In this earthly house we groan," asseverates the apostle, contrasting that with our "longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven." "Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God," are Paul's encouraging words, "who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge" (2 Corinthians 5:5). This indwelling Spirit, given at the saint's immersion into Christ, is God's guarantee that he will receive the positive resurrection from the dead. What better guarantee could there be?

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