

**THE PRINCES OF THE PEOPLES HAVE
ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES AS THE
PEOPLE OF THE GOD OF ABRAHAM**



Geese making their way to the assembly
along the Missouri River
Great Falls, MT

“Jesus therefore perceiving that they
were intending to come and take Him
by force, to make Him king, withdrew
again to the mountain by Himself
alone.”

John 6:15

August 12, 2018!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Elliot Ashley

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Jason Shanahan

Communion Meditation — Mike Kover

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Bob Edgar, **George Stone**

Preaching — Jerry Hoffman, **Jay Wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Sutton Shindig — Sat. Aug. 18, starting at 3:00 pm, Sutton residence

Fasting and prayer/potluck — Fasting Aug. 25,26, finishing with church potluck after assembly LD Aug. 26

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

School starts! — Bozeman and Butte schools begin Wed. Sept. 5 at 7:30 am/8:30 am!

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend — Fri., Sat., Nov. 2,3 at Bozeman church building

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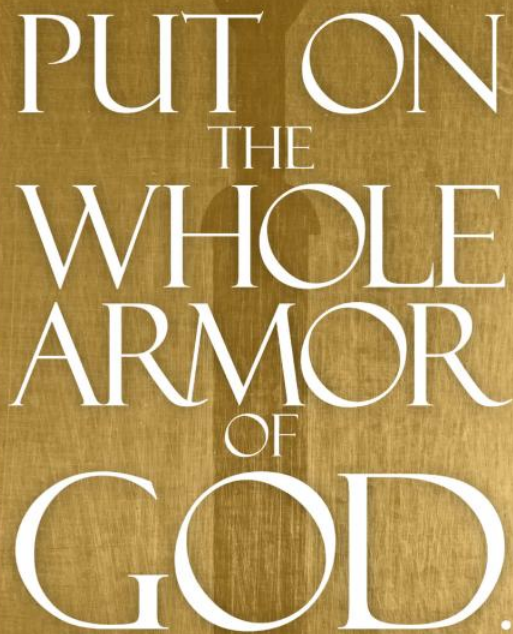
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This Wednesday, August 15th —

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



PUT ON
THE
WHOLE
ARMOR
OF
GOD.

EPHESIANS 6:11

Question of the week:

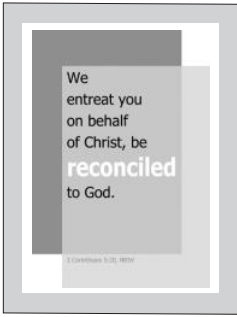
The book of Ezra splits into two parts, the first being the return from captivity in 536 BC, and the second another group in 457 BC. Who were the leaders of those two groups?

Last week's question: How is it that the Christian, in conjunction with being filled with all joy and peace in believing, is able to abound in hope? *Answer: By the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 77

Wednesday Night (8/8) – 91
Butte Lord's Day – 14
Great Falls Lord's Day – 58,84



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Basis for the New Creation

There are a number of principles connected with Christianity that can be challenging to implement. Mankind comes into the world crying for milk and attention; but in Christ that is to be set aside: those who live in Christ should no longer “live for themselves.” After years of being trained by earth’s circumstances for survival of self, the new spiritual order calls for disciples of Christ to alter their perspectives and mental habits so that they live “for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.” This requires some regular and serious contemplation as the saint sets priorities and determines whether time will be spent on pleasure or on the spread of the word of God. How the follower of Christ

views other people is also on the line—are they lost souls in need of the saving gospel, or are they tools to be used?

- **Recognition** — In the realm of earthly life, men in general make arbitrary distinctions as to a person’s value or status. At one point, Jesus explained, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them” (Matthew 20:25). So it is in the affairs of mankind: male and female, they scramble for earthly position, sometimes attained and maintained by the force of arms. Thus the higher the position, they reason, the higher the value. But what saith the Lord in His instructions to the saints? “Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh” (2 Corinthians 5:16). The value of the individual is based first of all on the fact that God created man in His image and its conclusion that all men are created equal, and secondly that Christ died for all. Outside of Christ, it does not matter whether he be a pauper or a prince, he is desperate need of salvation. Inside of Christ, it does not matter whether he be a master or a slave, he is valued as a member of the body of Christ and integrally important to it. “Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh,” is Paul’s continuation, “yet now we know Him thus no longer.” To have seen the great King in the flesh would have been seeing the greatest person possible in the flesh; menacing monarchs, big bankers, and twisted tycoons are as nothing compared the visible appearance of His Majestic Glory. But it is not Christ in the flesh who is; it is Christ in the Spirit reigning on the eternal throne who is the One whom the brethren know. The conclusion to be drawn is that disciples of Christ view others from a spiritual perspective rather than measuring people from a worldly point of view.
- **In Christ** — When the lost sinner comes to Christ on Christ’s terms, the old life and the old sins are left behind. “Therefore if any man is in Christ,” Paul adverts, “he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). A person’s “kingliness” or “kinkiness” got buried in the waters when he was immersed into Christ (which is the only way to enter into Christ). What was done away with is not the major emphasis here; what is of major value is what came forth by the power of God.

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The faithful follower of Christ thus needs to see with “spiritual eyes” rather than with eyes of the flesh. What a person’s standing is in the world is not any part of the calculation of what a person’s standing is in Christ. “There is neither Jew nor Greek,” was Paul’s conclusion on this point in another letter, “there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). Even though Christ Himself was in the flesh, He is seen and known by the saints as He is in the spiritual realm. Based on that, Christians likewise view their brethren in Christ as new creatures, with no carry over from what they were in the flesh.

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