# Let Mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of Your righteous judgments



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"There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks."

John 6:23

## **September 23, 2018!**



#### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Elliot Ashley

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Brian Schweitzer

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer

Preaching — Jay Wilson

#### **EVENING SCHEDULE:**

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

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, George Stone

Communion Meditation —Ed Donohue, George Stone

Preaching — "Young Bucks", Jay Wilson

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fasting and prayer/potluck — Fasting Sept. 29,30 finishing with church potluck after assembly LD Sept 30

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

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 16, 2019, at Bozeman on Romans chapters 1-8

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019
Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman church property

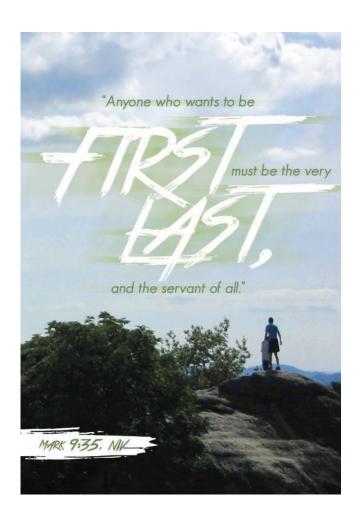
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Faith without works is dead and useless!

- James 2:17-21

This Wednesday, September 26th – 7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus – Phil Sutton



Question of the week:

Isaiah speaks of a day when a song will be sung in Judah about how we have a strong city. Who may enter that city?

Last week's question: According to Paul in his argumentation in his second epistle to the Corinthian brethren, who is who is the one who is approved? *Answer: Not he who commends himself, but he whom the Lord commends (2 Corinthians 10:18).* 

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: FAMILY CAMP - 525+

Bible School — 89 Morning Assembly — 107 Evening Assembly — 66 Wednesday Night (9/19) – 68 Butte Lord's Day – 21 Great Falls Lord's Day – 60,92



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

### The List Goes On

The lives of the apostles, measured from an earthly perspective, were hard. They were chosen by the Lord Jesus Himself, and He knew what they were going to endure for His name's sake. When James and John approached the Lord about the possibility of their sitting at His right and left hand in the coming kingdom, He asked them a very probing question. "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be immersed with the immersion with which I am immersed?" (Mark 10:38). Their glib answer was quick in coming: "We are able." The cup that He was about to drink (or His "immersion" as He spoke of it) was His upcoming suffering. The chief priests and the scribes, said He, would condemn the Son of Man to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles. "And they will

mock Him and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again" (Mark 10:34). They obviously were not hearing Him very well!! This, then, serves as the backdrop for the apostle Paul's continuing comments about what he, the other apostles, and ultimately other Christians go through.

Body tested to the maximum — Having previously pointed out some of the privations under which he and the others were able to commend themselves as servants to God, the apostle extended the list. "In beatings," he states, remembering some the responses he had received from sundry synagogues along the way. "In imprisonments," is another of his summary listings, without going into the details of how many times that had happened. "In tumults," he also recalled the various riots that had broken out in connection with the presentation of the gospel to audiences that turned hos-

out in connection with the presentation of the tile. "In labors," is his mention of the countless rounds of studying the scripture with the lost and his traveling to preach from synagogue to synagogue and house to house. "In sleep-lessness," is his recollection of those nights of travel on foot from place to place, the all night trials, or the all night preaching and teaching sessions. "In hunger," he notes, also recalling some of those times when circumstances prevented him from being able to have a meal, or in places where no food was available at the

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time. And all this to be a simple, humble servant of the Lord.

Personal positive qualities — Without the exhibition of the positive qualities of Christ His Lord, Paul would not have been effective in reaching truth-seekers. For such truth-seekers, who are the ones the gospel is designed to find and separate from those who are not, the life must match the words being spoken. "In purity," he points out, concerning the nature of the motives he and other fellow faithful proclaimers exhibited to the sinners and the saints. "In knowledge," he adds to the stack, conscious that without an in-depth knowledge of both the old and new covenants and their relationship to Jesus, he would not have had the power to turn people from darkness to light. "In patience," he brings forth as a salient point, because in working with members of the human race and those who have been called out of the world, great patience is an absolute necessity. "In kindness," he calls to the fore, recognizing that superior awareness and thoughtfulness in working with and understanding people is key to communicating the awesomeness of the good news. "In the Holy Spirit," he says, knowing that he had to have the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and attendant miracles to accomplish God's purpose. "In genuine love," he superadds, knowing that God's love for lost man is the deep driving force to keep on preaching.

Paul wants to be commended as a servant of Christ. He does not want the ministry discredited. He wants to be of no real offense to those seeking the truth. Hence he is putting together this list of requisites to meet these goals effectively. May modern saints be able to implement these as well.

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