# WALK ABOUT ZION, AND GO AROUND HER; COUNT HER TOWERS; CONSIDER HER RAMPARTS; GO THROUGH HER PALACES; THAT YOU MAY TELL IT TO THE NEXT GENERATION



Men from Australia who had been to the men's leadership forum/challenge where Jay Wilson and Steve Doty spoke "chance meeting" at the Auckland airport Auckland, New Zealand

"When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus." John 6:24

## **September 30, 2018!**



#### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Gunnar Landsgaard

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — TBA

Communion Meditation — Matt Wilson

Preaching — Jay Wilson

#### **EVENING SCHEDULE:**

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, George Stone

Communion Meditation — Davis Ashley, Tom McDunn

Preaching — Jeff Landsgaard, Jay Wilson

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

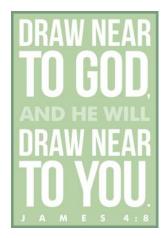
Fasting and prayer/potluck — Fasting Sept. 29,30 finishing with church potluck after assembly LD Sept 30

Fellowship/game night — Sat. Oct. 13th, 5:00 pm, at Jeff and Ashley Landsgaard's, 36 Woodman Dr., Belgrade. Bring a dish or snack to share!

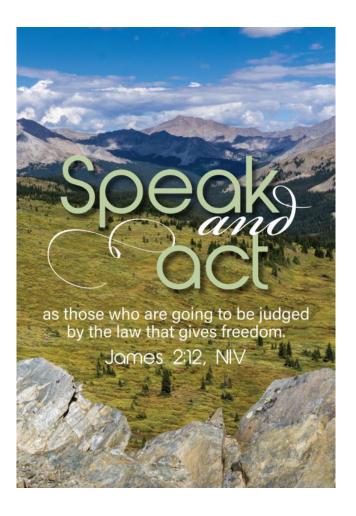
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend — Fri., Sat., Nov. 2,3 at Bozeman church building

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

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This Wednesday, October 3rd – 7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus – Phil Sutton



Question of the week:

When the apostle Paul speaks of their being one body, and one Spirit, etc. he urges to the brethren to preserve something. What was it?

Last week's question: 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? Answer: The righteous nation, the one that remains faithful (Isaiah 26:1,2).

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 96 Morning Assembly — 118 Evening Assembly — 79 Wednesday Night (9/26) - 77 Butte Lord's Day - 18 Great Falls Lord's Day - 40,66



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

### **And the List Goes On**

All the faithful apostles made their original choice to follow truth. A bit of reflection will establish that they all were disciples of John the Immerser prior to being selected to be special envoys of Christ. In that setting, the Lord had stated, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). They indeed were worthy, as Jesus Himself noted following the exit of Judas from the assembly of those apostles at the institution of the Lord's Supper: "You are those who have stood by Me in My trials" (Luke 22:28). The apostle Paul was of the same type of character once he turned to the Lord, and equally committed to the "bearing of much fruit" regardless of what he had to suffer in the process. But

he never lost his great attitude and proper perspective on things eternal.

- Spiritual strength Because "now" is the day of salvation, and because "now" is the acceptable time, the apostle did not want to do anything that would discredit the ministry of reconciliation. Having listed a series of privations which he and the other apostles faced in distributing the precious gospel of salvation, and mentioning the positive exhibitions of character necessary for their continued progress, he brings in another category: "in the word of truth," he puts forth, as an obviously clear foundation for preaching and teaching. All the other doctrines and all the other religions are based on the word of falsehood! "In the power of God," is the next key point he brings to the fore. A brief overview of Paul's life and effectiveness clearly establishes that what he accomplished, he accomplished not only with his own initiative and drive but with the backing and the power of God. "By the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left," he emphasizes (2 Corinthians 6:7). Using weapons and righteousness in the same phrase may seem incongruous. The bottom line fact never to be forgotten is that saints are involved in a tremendously brutal and ongoing spiritual war, and that war must be fought with all effort and all urgency. It is in fact righteousness which wages war against unrighteousness, and this is why the apostle refers to
  - his having "weapons" of righteousness in both hands as he engages in hand-to-hand combat against spiritual adversaries.
- Who to believe? Anything important is controversial; if it is not important, no one would fight over it. And the most important thing going on this planet is the proclamation of the gospel, the means by which the lost are saved and by which the saved are conserved. The devil, therefore, and those on his side are going to do everything possible to discredit true preachers and true preachings. This was certainly true of

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the apostles, whom Paul describes as making their mark "by glory and dishonor." Those who heard and believed were so tremendously thankful for the message and the suffering it took to get the message to them that they would rightly give glory to men such as Paul. But dishonor would be heaped on their heads by enemies of God and the gospel. Similarly, "evil report and good report" would spread concerning them. "Regarded as deceivers" is part of the landscape, "and yet true" to the word of their God was their character. "As unknown," because the world would not want to give them any publicity or acknowledgment, "and yet well-known" by the community of believers who trusted and appreciated their words and compassion (2 Corinthians 6:8,9).

Because of the nature and ferocity of the spiritual battle, these men ultimately would have to know that their goal was to make the Father happy. "For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God?" Paul asked the Galatian brethren. "Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). Let us, then, pick up those weapons of righteousness, and fight the spiritual battle in such a way that it pleases the Lord!

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