

**My mouth will speak wisdom; and  
the meditation of my heart will be  
understanding**



Zac Dschaak, of Bozeman, and Corban Icenogle, of Williston, ND engaged in high level conversation with Phil Sutton, of Bozeman, MT 2018 MT Family Camp on the grounds of Christ's Church in Bozeman

**“Do not work for the food which  
perishes, but for the food which  
endures to eternal life, which the Son  
of Man shall give to you, for on Him the  
Father—even God—has set His seal.”**

*John 6:27*

# Oct 21, 2018!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Jason Shanahan

Communion Meditation — Steven Doty

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Chris Phillips, **George Stone**

Preaching — Phil Sutton, **Jay Wilson**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fasting for Evangelism is October 27-28 followed by Potluck on Lord's Day, October 28th after Assembly

**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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**This Wednesday, October 24th –**  
**7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus – Phil Sutton**

— LET US THEN —  
**APPROACH  
GOD'S  
THRONE  
OF GRACE**  
— WITH —  
**CONFIDENCE,**

so that we may receive mercy and find  
grace to help us in our time of need.

**HEBREWS 4:16, NIV**



Question of the week:

Jeremiah told a group of Jews not to go to Egypt from Jerusalem during the early Babylonian captivity. But they determined to go anyway. They said they were not going to listen to Jeremiah and continue burning sacrifices to a certain female goddess and pouring out libations to her. Who was she?

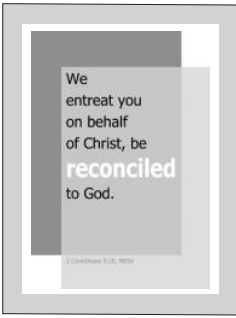
Last week's question: How was it that the brethren in Thessalonica, as noted by Paul in the first chapter of his first epistle, became imitators of the apostles and of the Lord? *Answer: they received the word in much tribulation (1 Thessalonians 1:6).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 90  
Morning Assembly – 116  
Evening Assembly – 73

Wednesday Night (10/17) – 73  
Butte Lord's Day – 18  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 58,82

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...



## Need for Serious Separation

The scripture is replete with warnings about the attacks from Satan which will destroy the saint's salvation. Some of Satan's ploys are open, such as intimidation and persecution. Some are more subtle, such as craftily sneaking in false doctrine. But one of the most powerful and not easily seen methods of the prince of darkness is influence and pressure from friends, family, and associates. "Do not be deceived," the apostle Paul had warned the Corinthians in his first epistle, pointing out how easily this deception can worm its way in. "Bad company corrupts good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33). People end up being deceived because there is a hidden part of them that is open to participating in the deception. Hence these warnings are severe and repeated in God's holy word.

- ◆ **Bound together** — There is a danger in being locked in to marriage relationships, business partnerships, contracts, and the like. These are situations in which it can be very difficult or nearly impossible for a person to extricate himself. Once a person is a drug dealer doing business with the "bigger fish," he is not easily going to be able to break those bonds because "he knows too much"; they will not let him go. Once a person is working for the Central Intelligence Agency and/or similar government operations, he is not easily going to be able to break those bonds because "he knows too much"; they will not let him go. "Do not be bound together [unequally yoked] to unbelievers," is Paul's exhortation. "For what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness" (2 Corinthians 6:14). The answer to those two related questions obviously is "None!" These are clear warnings for Christians about entering into some of these personal and business relationships.

- ◆ **Further questions** — One of the things that stands out as Paul is throwing these questions out to the brethren in Corinth is that many of them were struggling with some of the pulls of the world, of the environment around them. "Or what harmony has Christ with Belial?" the apostle queries. "Belial" is another name for the devil, and of course there is no harmony there. "Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?" (2 Corinthians 6:15). This is interesting because a clear corollary is that there is as much in common between Christ and the devil as there is between a Christian and a non-Christian. That puts a lot of weight on the latter question when a saint is considering who he is going to "hang out" with. "Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols?" (2 Corinthians 6:16). Again, the answer obviously is "None!" These are clear statements from the Holy Spirit's pointing out the dangers of close fellowship with those who are outside of Christ, and how that can lead to the destruction of the saint's faith.

*The saint will seriously consider these warnings, and make the necessary adjustments.*

Back in the days of Ezekiel the prophet, God showed him in a vision the desecration of the temple by the Jews' setting up of idols in the house of God. There was what he called "the idol of jealousy" at the entrance to the inner court of the temple, there were idolatrous carvings on the wall, women were worshipping Tammuz, and men were prostrating themselves before the sun. For these reasons, the glory of the Lord departed from the temple, as Ezekiel was permitted to see in his vision. These pictures from the Old Testament writings give us God's viewpoint on the "agreement" between the temple of God and idols. "For we are the temple of the living God," asseverates the apostle. The disciple of Christ has now been warned to consider very carefully his conduct and his associations.

It must be re-emphasized: the battle for the soul is a tremendously vicious and violent battle. The subtle hooks of false doctrine are hanging from every rafter, and every association is fraught with the possibility of the disciple's being pulled back into the world. The saint will honestly consider these warnings, and make adjustments wherever necessary!

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