

**Why should I fear in the days of
adversity; why should I fear when the
iniquity of my foes surrounds me?**



Charlie Brown, of Belgrade, MT
having a chuckle with Doe and Connie Stafford, off the ranch at Skunk Creek
2018 MT Family Camp
on the grounds of Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**“They said therefore to Him, ‘What
then do You do for a sign, that we
may see and believe You? What work
do You perform?’ ”**

John 6:30

November 4, 2018!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Matthew Wilson

Communion Meditation — Jerry Hoffman

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Dan Tuck, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Davis Ashley, **Jay Wilson**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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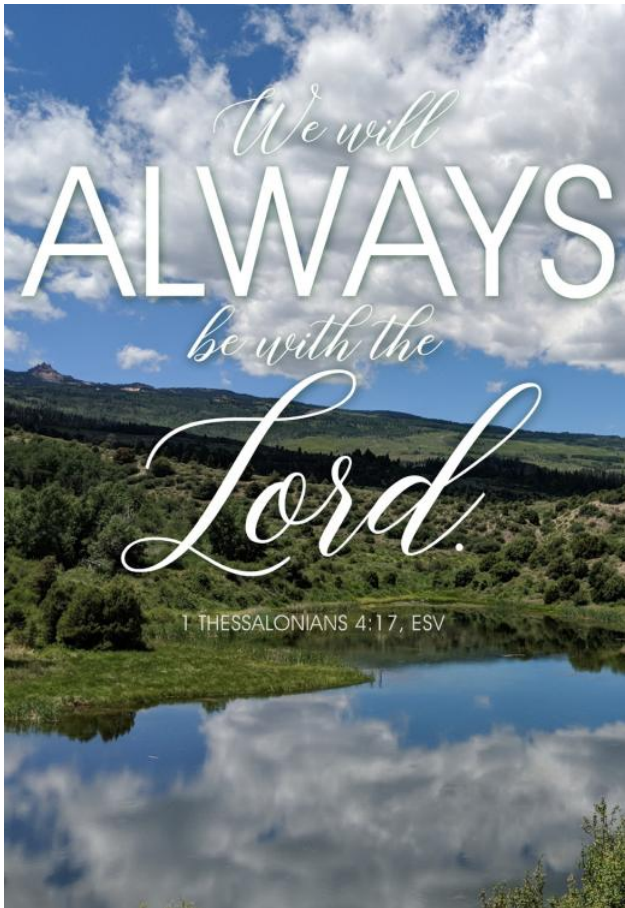
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This Wednesday, November 7th –
7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus – Phil Sutton



Question of the week:

God said He was sending Ezekiel to a rebellious house, so what was He going to do with Ezekiel's forehead?

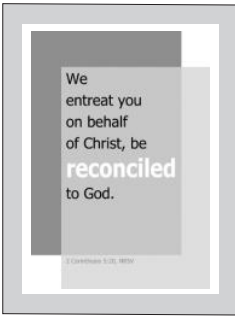
Last week's question: What did Paul tell Timothy to do with the things which he heard from Paul in the presence of any witnesses? *Answer: He was to entrust these to faithful men, who would in turn be able to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 119
Evening Assembly – 62

Wednesday Night (10/31) – 79
Butte Lord's Day – 23
Great Falls Lord's Day – 54,87

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...



Perfecting Holiness

The Almighty and All Wise set up the human race in families. From the beginning of Creation, verified Jesus, He made them male and female. Thus families came into being with fathers, mothers, and children. The ultimate Father designed the development of the human race and its history so that He could communicate the tremendous value of these points: "I will dwell among them and walk among them." "I will be their God, and they shall be My people." "Come out from the midst of the world, be separate, do not touch what is unclean, and I will welcome you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me." The Holy Father earnestly desires fellowship with His children, but that fellowship is only possible when the children decide to be holy and separate

also.

- ▲ **Magnificent promises** — To enable the saint to overcome the temptations of this world, the great God has offered rewards and instituted promises. God's divine power, affirmed the apostle Peter, "has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence." After laying in this foundational thought, the apostle added, "For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises" (2 Peter 1:3,4). These magnificent promises are listed throughout the New Testament writings, including being born again, having sins forgiven, and having the helping power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul, in his second recorded epistle to the Corinthians, draws on this same premise. "Therefore," reasons he, "having these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

- ▲ **Cleanse ourselves** — God will do His part, but He will not do His part without the saint's active and dedicated participation. Having mentioned the promises backing the saints, and having reassured them of the Father's love, Paul then makes the appeal: "Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit." The cleansing of the inner man and the creation of a new self are accomplished by God. But the inner man and outer man are not disconnected, or there is not a huge wall between the two. What the Christian does is impacted by what God does, and the effectiveness of what God does is impacted by what the saint does. The apostle of love, John the aged, said, "If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Here we see an example of the necessary partnership, with Jesus' blood being the cleansing agent. James, however, thunders at his audience, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:8). The saint clearly has to be active in this cleansing process. Likewise, the apostle Paul is telling the Corinthian brethren that they must be very active in cleansing themselves!

The inner and outer man must be handled to perfect holiness!

When the apostle speaks of cleansing from all defilement of flesh, he is making an appeal for the brethren to eliminate from their lifestyles all the fleshly lusts, as Peter phrases it, that wage war against the soul. This, of course, requires serious introspection and absolute honesty in looking over one's life, and then the implementation of the necessary changes. Cleansing the spirit ties in with James' comment on purifying the heart; this is going down into the deep areas of "the spirit of man" and making certain that inner motives and desires are truly heavenly oriented. This too requires honest and deep introspection. When the things in the inner man are dealt with, and the things of the outer man are handled, then holiness can be perfected in the fear of God. The ones who do this are the truly "separated people" that God has looked for as He peered down through the centuries. And when it comes time for saints to pass through the gates of glory, these are those to whom He says, "I welcome you!"

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