

**WHY SHOULD I FEAR THOSE WHO
TRUST IN THEIR WEALTH, AND BOAST
IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THEIR RICHES?**



A couple of fine young lads
students at the Lancaster, Ohio, Christian school
Christ's Church of Fairfield

“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’ ”

John 6:31

November 11, 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

Prayer Meditation — Bob Edgar

Communion Meditation — Charlie Jacobs

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, **George Stone**

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

Preaching — “Young Bucks” on Spiritual Warriors, **Jay Wilson**



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

Catch us live or archived:

livestream.com/cicb

christchurchonline.com

Also check out the youtube videos on
targetingtruth.com

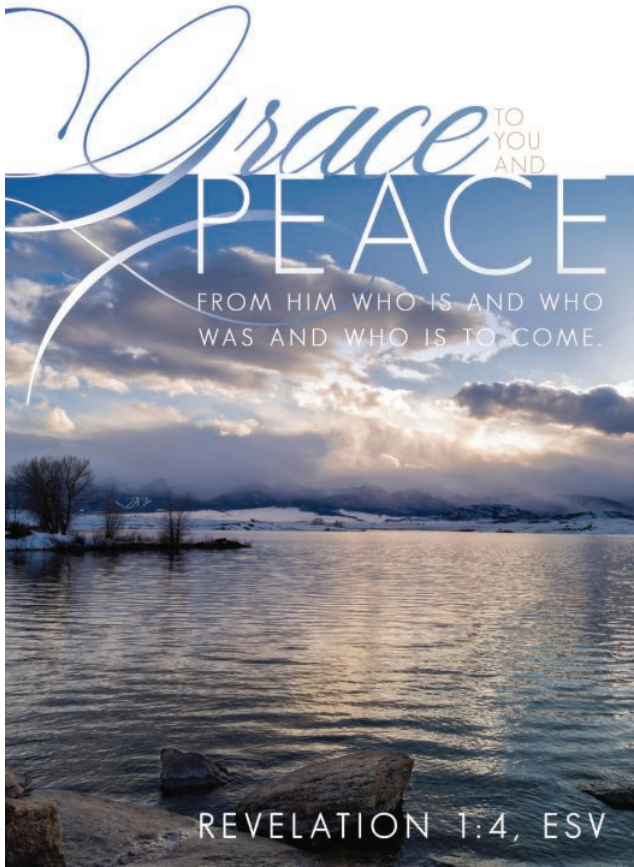
and audios at innermanradio.org

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



Question of the week:

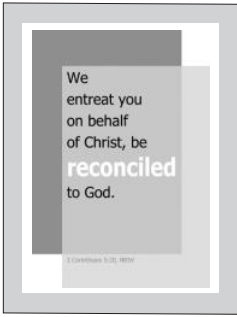
Old Testament high priests became such because each was the eldest son in a line going back to Aaron. Jesus became the High Priest of the order of Melchizedek on what basis?

Last week's question: God said He was sending Ezekiel to a rebellious house, so what was He going to do with Ezekiel's forehead? *Answer: He was going to make Ezekiel's forehead harder than emery (Ezekiel 3:8,9).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 91
Morning Assembly – 111
Evening Assembly – 78

Wednesday Night (11/7) – 63
Butte Lord's Day – 17
Great Falls Lord's Day – 53,89



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Confidence in the Brethren

The apostle Paul has gone to great lengths to show the brethren in Corinth his openness toward them, and to appeal that they likewise be open to him. Early in the epistle he is very personal with them. "I intended to come to you," he had stated, "that you might twice receive a blessing." The apostle also commented on some of the strong measures he had taken, asserting "that to spare you I came no more to Corinth," giving them time to put their repentance in motion. He gave them instructions on receiving back a wayward brother, then went on to beg the saints themselves to "be reconciled to God." Paul had further emphasized, "our heart is opened wide ... in a like exchange, open to us also." Thus he presented to them a variegated set of appeals for their openness

and for the furtherance of the gospel.

- **Make room** — The apostle Paul continues on his theme for his fellowship with them on an honest and true basis. "Make room for us in your hearts," he calls out. "We wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one" (2 Corinthians 7:2). That the apostle would have to bring to their attention matters of this level—wronging, corrupting, taking advantage—is an indication of some of the charges against Paul floating around the congregation, and why he is working so hard to get the brethren to be honest about themselves and about some changes they may need to make.
- **Openness, not condemnation** — Jesus Himself, during the years of His earthly sojourn, made it plain that He came to turn man in the right direction, and salvage as many as possible. "For God did not send the Son of Man into the world to judge the world," He informed all who would listen, "but that the world should be saved through Him" (John 3:17). The world was already lost and already judged; Jesus came to bring the solution. In the same way, the apostle is communicating that his desire is to help solve their spiritual problems. "I do not speak to condemn you," he encouragingly states, "for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together" (2 Corinthians 7:3). The apostle thus re-emphasizes his willingness to die for their eternal souls.
- **Reaffirming confidence** — The apostle Paul, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, had rebuked the brethren, had coaxed them forward, had pleaded with them, had encouraged them. Through their challenges, he had loved them and never given up on them. Even now he writes, "Great is my confidence in you, great is my boasting on your behalf" (2 Corinthians 7:4). Herein is the heart of this great preacher of the gospel revealed; he continues to believe that they will power through their difficulties and achieve spiritual victory in the end. Furthermore, he is willing to use the word "boasting"; he not only has the confidence on a quiet basis, but he is willing to shout it to the world. And how encouraging would that expression of confidence be to the struggling brethren!

He is excited to express his belief in the positive outcome of their futures in Christ.

It is important to recall that Paul really laid down his life for the brethren in Corinth. Although he did not undergo the sufferings there that he experienced in other locations, he was willing to face them. He is excited to express, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, his belief in the positive outcomes of their futures in Christ. "I am filled with comfort," says he, in this vein, "I am overflowing with joy in all our afflictions." That type of belief, that type of encouragement, that type of positive perspective is what kept the apostle Paul moving forward each day with the gospel of glory, in spite of the afflictions he mentions. He believed the words he wrote in his first epistle: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, *always abounding* in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

JAY WILSON