

***NO MAN CAN BY ANY MEANS REDEEM HIS
BROTHER, OR GIVE TO GOD A RANSOM FOR
HIM***



Jacob Schissler and Jason Lynch
at the Wed. night assembly
Greenford Church of Christ
Greenford, OH

***“Jesus therefore said to them, ‘Truly,
truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who
gave you bread out of heaven, but it
is My Father who gives you the true
bread out of heaven.’ ”***

John 6:32

November 18, 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 — Ed Donohue

Communion Meditation — Rick Vaught

Preaching — Jay Wilson

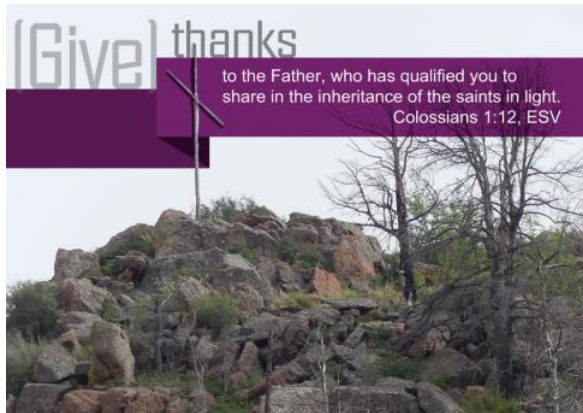
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Mike Kover, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Bob Edgar, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
November
21st –
7:00 p.m. –
Teachings from
Titus
– Phil Sutton**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fasting for Evangelism is Nov. 24,25 followed by Potluck on Lord's Day, Nov. 25 after Assembly

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



For by a
**SINGLE
OFFERING**
he has perfected
**FOR
ALL TIME**
those who
are sanctified.

HEBREWS 10:14, NRSV

Question of the week:

Ezekiel prophesied the coming of “showers of blessing” at the time of a “David” who would be the prince of the covenant. What are the showers, and who is the prince?

Last week’s question: Old Testament high priests became such because each was the eldest son in a line going back to Aaron. Jesus became High Priest of the order of Melchizedek on what basis? *Answer: By the power of an indestructible [endless] life (Hebrews 7:15, 16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 76
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 75

Wednesday Night (11/14) – 76
Butte Lord’s Day – 14
Great Falls Lord’s Day – 60,102

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Returning to Previous Concern

The scripture reminds brethren again and again how intense the battle is for the eternal soul of man. After his writing the first epistle to the brethren, he was anxiously awaiting word about the faith of the saints in Corinth. There were specific challenges involved in the case of a man delivered over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh by Paul, and his apparent repentance now required instructions for his being accepted back in the local body of Christ. But the devil is always a factor, as Paul noted in his words, hoping "that no advantage be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes." The devil had been able to tempt the man into an extremely immoral situation; the congregation now had to handle his coming back into fellowship with the appropriate care lest he "be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow," and his soul still end up being lost. Paul was very concerned about the church in Corinth, having, as he put it, "no rest for my spirit," and spoke of his leaving Troas and going into Macedonia to find Titus for information about the congregation. Then he launched into a long interlude before returning to the direct topic about the welfare of the body of Christ in Corinth.

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- **Expression of concern** — Many souls' eternities could have been wrecked had not the congregation followed the apostle's directives. He knew that, and his intense concern is expressed in this section of the letter. "For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest," he writes, "be we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within" (2 Corinthians 7:5). It is interesting how the apostle phrases his facing the challenges: "our flesh had no rest." In the spiritual realm, wherein the inner man is raised up and seated with Christ in the heavenly places, there is always peace. But in the realm of the flesh, the physical realm, there was "affliction on every side." As he speaks of the "conflicts without," he is referring to the continuing persecutions connected with his preaching of the gospel of Christ, mainly coming from the hostile element within Jewish society. But when he comments on "fears within," he is referring to his agitations about the spiritual health of the congregation in Corinth.
- **Comfort from God** — Paul had left Troas, on the Asian side of the body of water separating it from Europe, and had crossed over to Macedonia in search of Titus, who would have news of the congregation. He expresses his relief in these terms: "But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus; and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you" (2 Corinthians 7:6,7). Paul's inner agitations were eased by his being able to find Titus, and he was especially encouraged by the good report which Titus was able to deliver. Furthermore, all the positives connected with this Paul attributes to God.
- **Good news for the depressed** — Touching again on the word "comfort": it is translated from the Greek word *paraklesis*, which is closely related to the word *parakletos*, translated "Helper" in the NASB, NKJV, and ESV, and "Comforter" in the KJV. It is a fairly broad word, meaning "to comfort, exhort, console, encourage, etc." The good news here is that God is actually able to comfort or encourage the depressed, if the depressed will learn to turn to Him as the solution for their situations.

The apostle Paul, as he fought the good fight of faith, clearly had his challenges and difficulties. The "fightings without," were daunting enough, but the "fears within" certainly added to his struggle. Modern saints who encounter challenges can be comforted themselves in knowing that the great apostle Paul had his difficulties external and internal. But they can also learn from Paul's example in patiently waiting, being diligent in prayer, and focusing upward, knowing that at the right time God will provide the encouragement/comfort!

We
entreat you
on behalf
of Christ, be
reconciled
to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20, NKJV

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JAY WILSON