

**THE FOOLISH ARE AS SHEEP  
APPOINTED FOR SHEOL; DEATH SHALL  
BE THEIR SHEPHERD**



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Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**“The Jews therefore were grumbling  
about Him, because He said, ‘I am the  
bread that came down out of heaven.’ ”**  
*John 6:41*

# January 6, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Joe Shanahan

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Brian Schweitzer

Communion Meditation — Steven Doty

Preaching — Jay Wilson

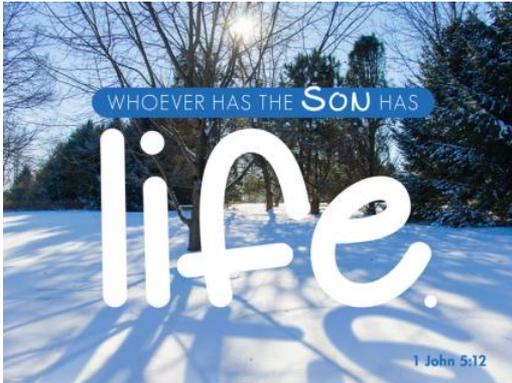
### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Nick Kover, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — Matthew Wilson, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,  
January 9th –  
7:00 p.m. —  
*Teachings from Phile-  
mon*  
– *Phil Sutton*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**Ladies' Advance** — April 25-27

**Men's PEAKS** — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019

**Family Camp 2019** — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman church property

ARISE, SHINE, FOR  
**YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME,**  
and the glory of the  
LORD rises upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1, NIV



Question of the week:

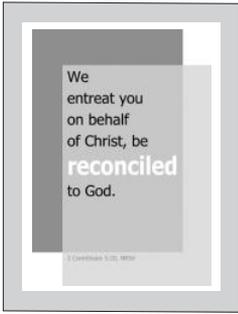
What was the pronoun used to describe the one who came down to see what was going on at the tower of Babel?

Last week's question: The river of the water of life shows up in both Revelation 22 and Ezekiel 47. From Jesus' teaching in the gospel according to John, we know that river for all eternity is a reference to \_\_\_\_\_. Answer: *The continued presence of the Holy Spirit within (John 7:37-39; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Revelation 22:1-3).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 99  
Morning Assembly – 116  
Evening Assembly – 62

Wednesday Night (1/2) – 65  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 41,61



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## Poverty and Riches

God is a Master Strategist, and His plans—although often on a very large scale by human standards—never fail. His word is sure, and His prophecies are certain. For example, God through Elijah the prophet had stated that the family of Ahab, wicked king of Israel and husband of Jezebel, would be destroyed. Thus, even such an unworthy as Jehu, violent supplanter of Ahab's house, could say, "Know then that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the Lord, which the Lord spoke concerning the house of Ahab, for the Lord has done what He spoke through His servant Elijah" (2 Kings 10:10). This is an interesting expression: that nothing of the word of the Lord would fall to the earth! His

word is sure, and His prophecies certain. One of those prophecies came through the New Testament prophet Agabus, who "stood up and begin to indicate that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world" (Acts 11:28). The inspired historian Luke recorded, "And this took place in the reign of Claudius." Claudius began to reign as Emperor (the *Augustus*) in AD 41, and this famine was endured by the Jewish Christians in Judea during his reign. Thus Paul in his second and third missionary journeys (AD 49-52 and AD 53-57) was involved in arranging for and collecting an offering from the Gentile congregations for the impoverished brethren. Even earlier, from the congregation in Antioch, Paul (or Saul as he was then known) assisted the brethren in Jerusalem. "And in proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders" (Acts 11:29,30).

- **Showing love** — Paul thus already had experience in a free will offering for the saints in Judea. Here he exhorts the Corinthian brethren in this later collection: "I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also" (2 Corinthians 8:8). The brethren in Judea had endured tremendous suffering at the hands of the Jews, but they served as the basis by which the gospel would reach to the Gentiles. It was their steadfastness—their businesslike earnestness—which made the continuation of the word possible. Paul is thus asking for a free will offering from the congregation at Corinth as a visible demonstration of their love for those Jewish saints.
- **Rich to poor/poor to rich** — Ultimately, the apostle is going to appeal to the great example of the Lord Jesus Himself, the One who left the riches of heaven voluntarily to die by crucifixion on earth. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," he reminds them, "that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor; that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the spiritual realm, Jesus gave up His "riches" that the brethren, in "poverty" might participate in spiritual riches. The perspective of the word of God, therefore, is that those who share in spiritual blessings are very willing to share material blessings with those who have given of themselves to distribute the spiritual truths.

*Those who receive spiritual blessings need to share in material blessings.*

Many projects are begun that are never brought to completion. "Well begun" may be "half done," but it still is only half done! Hence this exhortation: "And I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first a year ago not only to do this, but also to desire to do it. But *now finish doing it* also; that just as there was a readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability" (2 Corinthians 8:10,11). They had the desire in the beginning; they needed the desire now to GET IT DONE!

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