

**God will redeem my soul from the
power of Sheol, for He will receive me**



Fall view of the majestic Bridger Mountain Range
seen from the church building
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT
(artwork provided by God)

**“ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Do
not grumble among yourselves. No one
can come to Me, unless the Father who
sent Me draws him; and I will raise him
up on the last day.’ ”**

John 6:43,44

January 20, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Nathanael Dschaak

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — Mike Kover

Communion Meditation — Zac Dschaak

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Matthew Wilson, **George Stone**

Preaching — Cliff Renner, **Jay Wilson**

In his days may
righteousness
flourish and
peace abound...



PSALM 72:7, NRSV

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This Wednesday,
January 23rd –
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

Fasting weekend and
potluck — Sat. and
L.D. Jan. 26,27

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christchurchonline.com
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targetingtruth.com
and audios at innermanradio.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship/game night/potluck — Sat. Jan. 19, 5:00 pm at
Nick Jacobs residence

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

...the **Gentiles** have become fellow **heirs, members** of the same body, and **sharers** in the promise in **Christ Jesus** through the **gospel**.



EPHESIANS 3:6, NRSV

Question of the week:

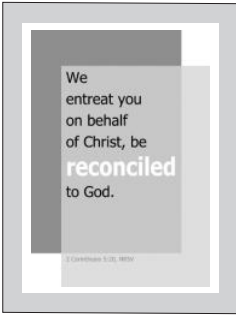
In Psalm 16, what is the characteristic of the soul of the one whose body would not decay?

Last week's question: Jesus is very emphatic in the Sermon on the Mount that there are only two gates. Most are going through the broad gate that leads to destruction; but what is the characteristic of the narrow gate that leads to life? *Answer: Few find it (Matthew 7:14).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 104
Morning Assembly – 117
Evening Assembly – 74

Wednesday Night (1/16) – 85
Butte Lord's Day – 20
Great Falls Lord's Day – 46,84



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Earnestness and Honesty

Even though Paul cannot be physically present in Corinth, he does have a network of men who work with him, and who can help guide the brethren. Names such as Luke, Aristarchus, Secundus, Timothy, and Titus show up in the account of Paul's life in the book of Acts, and grace the openings and closing sections of Paul's epistles. As Paul, then, discusses the collection for the poor saints in Judea with the church at Corinth, it is the name of Titus which pops up. Titus had been sent by Paul to Corinth to assist with some of the upset connected with a man who had been living with his father's wife, and in consequence was also enlisted in aiding and encouraging the Corinthian brethren to get their offering ready. Titus proved to be an able and willing co-worker of Paul, carrying out his

instructions and independently providing his direction and encouragement.

- ◆ **Titus' earnestness** — *Earnestness* has to do with sincere and honest efforts, and efforts that are more than half-hearted. One of the characteristics of the repentance of the Corinthian congregation was their *earnestness*. This earnestness, then, needed to carry over to the offering for the Jewish brethren in Judea. "But thanks be to God," is one of Paul's praises, "who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus" (2 Corinthians 8:16). Titus, sent by Paul, clearly had an intense love for the Corinthians, and desired that they follow Paul's instructions and get it right for the sake of their eternities. "For he not only accepted our appeal," adds the apostle, "but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord" (2 Corinthians 8:17).
- ◆ **Unnamed brother** — In addition to Titus' being on hand to help with the final preparations and having the offering ready to load on a ship, another brother—well recommended—is going to be present as well. "And we have sent along with him," Paul informs the saints, "the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches; and not only this, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work" (2 Corinthians 8:18,19). In Luke's inspired history, the book of Acts, he recorded the men who were traveling with Paul at the close of his third missionary journey. This was when the apostle was bringing the contribution from the Gentile congregations to Jerusalem, which he later termed "I came to bring alms to my nation" (Acts 24:17). "And he was accompanied," recorded Luke, "by Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus; and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia" (Acts 20:4). Luke, not mentioned by name in the book of Acts, was with Paul also. It is a possibility that the "unnamed brother" who accompanied the offering as a representative of all the churches was Timothy.
- ◆ **More on the travelers** — These men who would accompany the offering would be tested and trusted men. The offering was large enough that it clearly filled a major part of the hold of the ship, evidenced by the fact that the ship would dock where Paul wanted it to. "And we have sent with them our brother [the unnamed one], whom we have often tested and found diligent, because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; and as for our brethren, they are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ" (2 Corinthians 8:22,23).

The apostle Paul wants this offering to be a major help to the poor saints, and he wants the brethren who contribute to know that the men involved are worthy of their trust. It is worth repeating: "They are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ!" What high praise, and what a high recommendation!! May modern brethren imitate the openness and the honorable character portrayed by Paul as he urges the finishing up of the work on this strategic collection.

JAY WILSON

***These men are
messengers of the
churches, and a
glory to Christ.***